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CHAPTER TEN



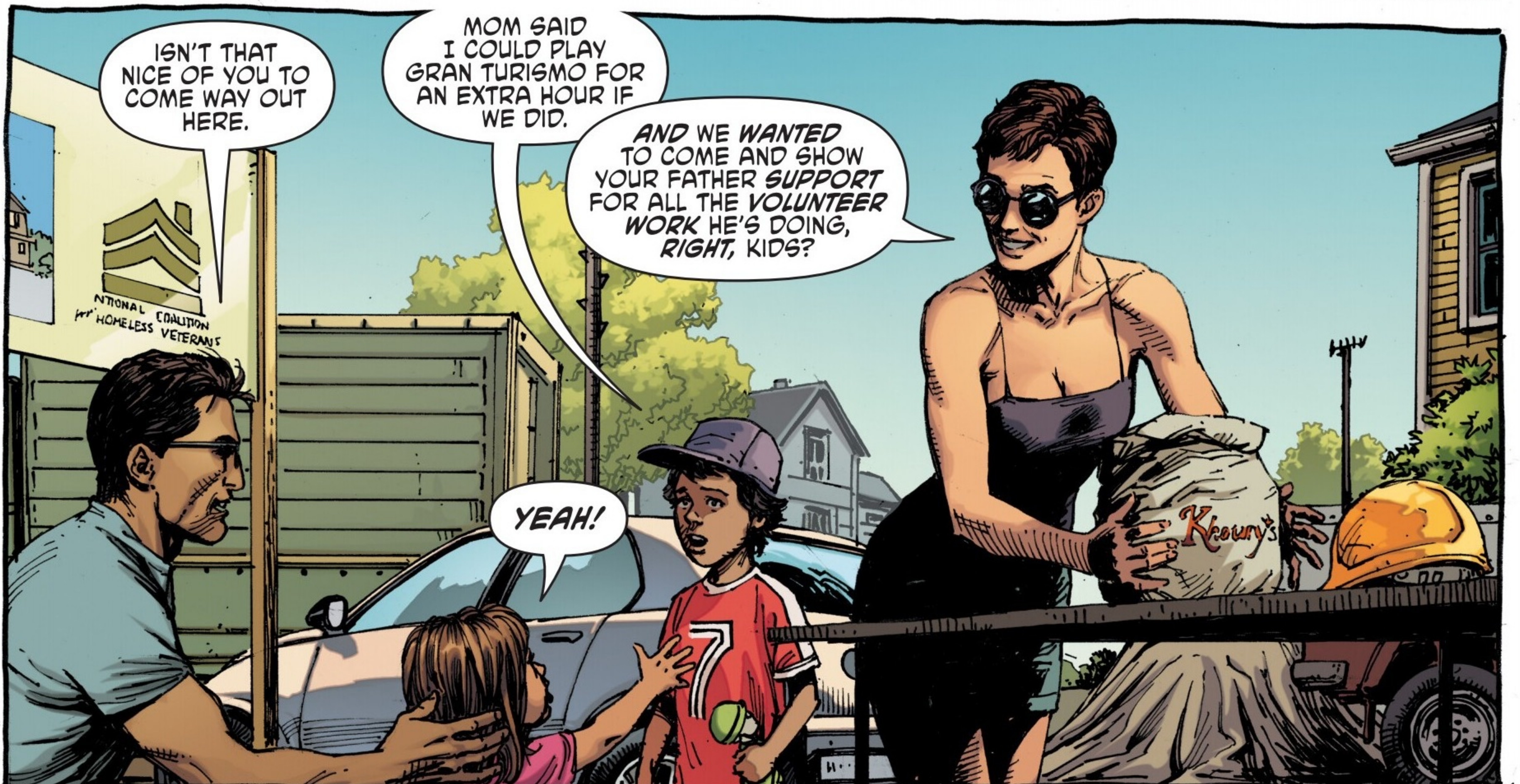
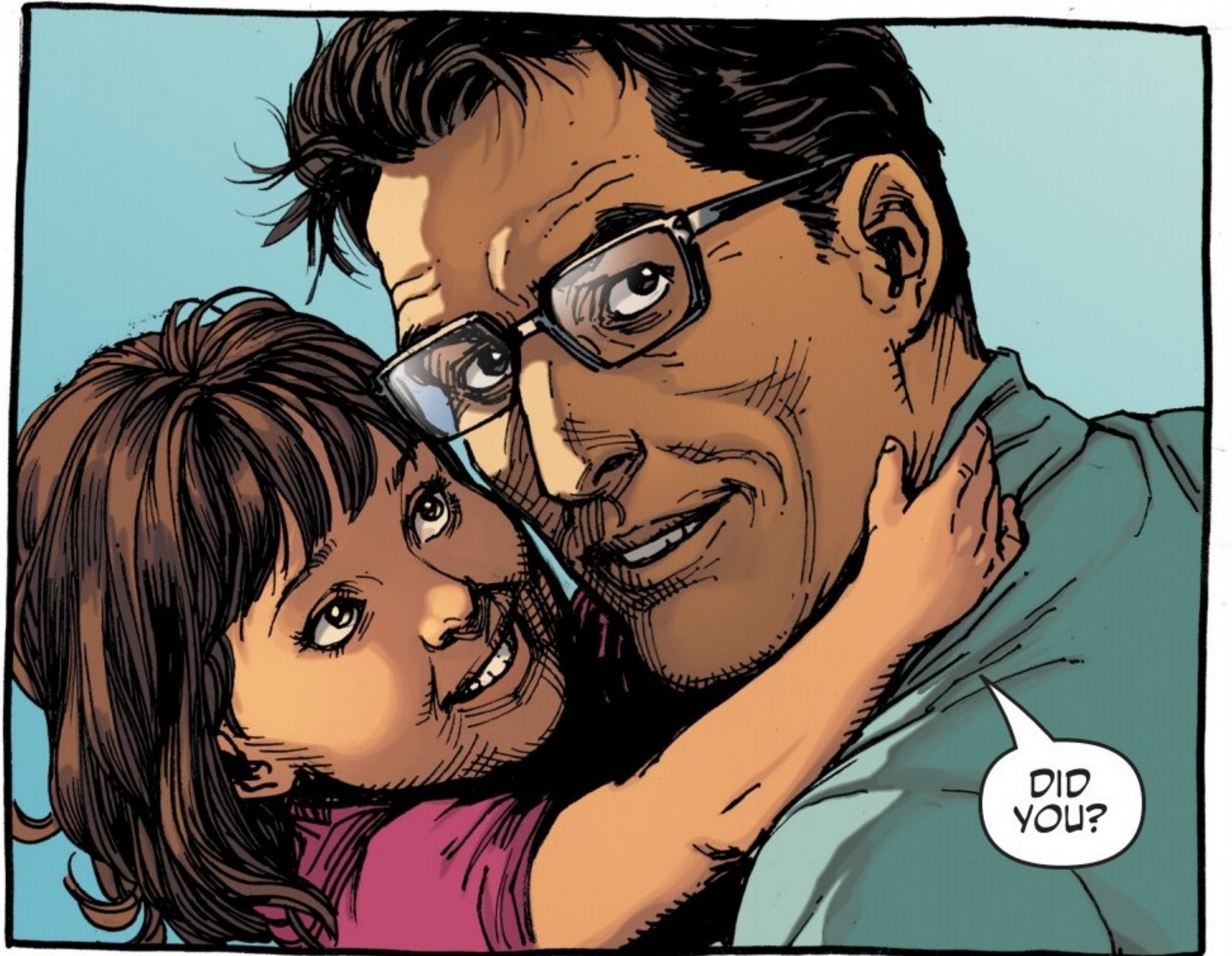
5 YEARS FROM NOW

WHEN DO WE
GET A BREAK,
TARIQ?

WHACK

WHEN
THE JOB'S
DONE.







YOU'RE PUTTING THE LIVING CENTER UP QUICK.

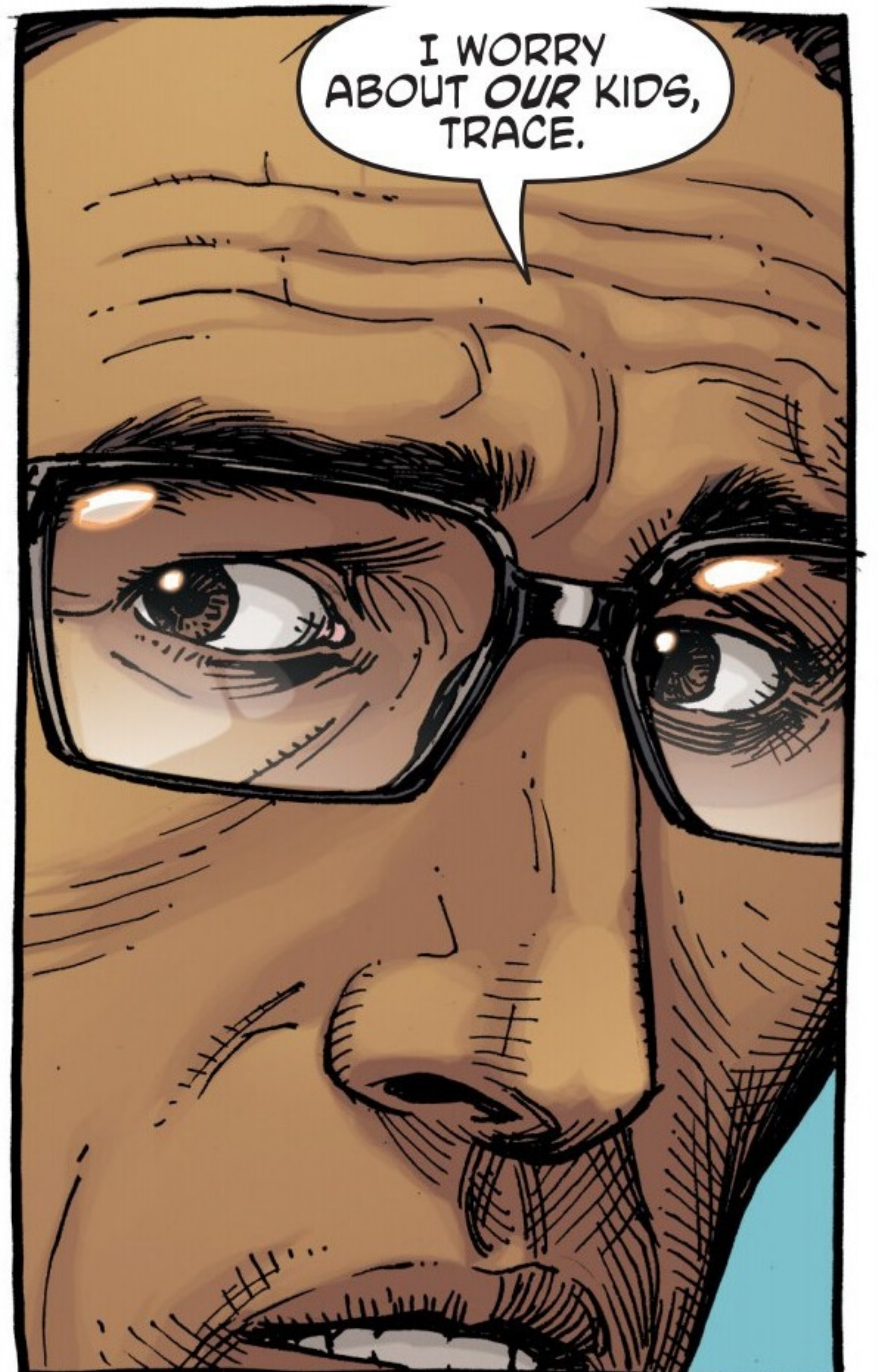
WE'RE MOTIVATED. THE V.A. IS OVERCROWDED.

A DOZEN WOUNDED JUST CAME BACK FROM LATVIA, ALL IN NEED OF HELP.

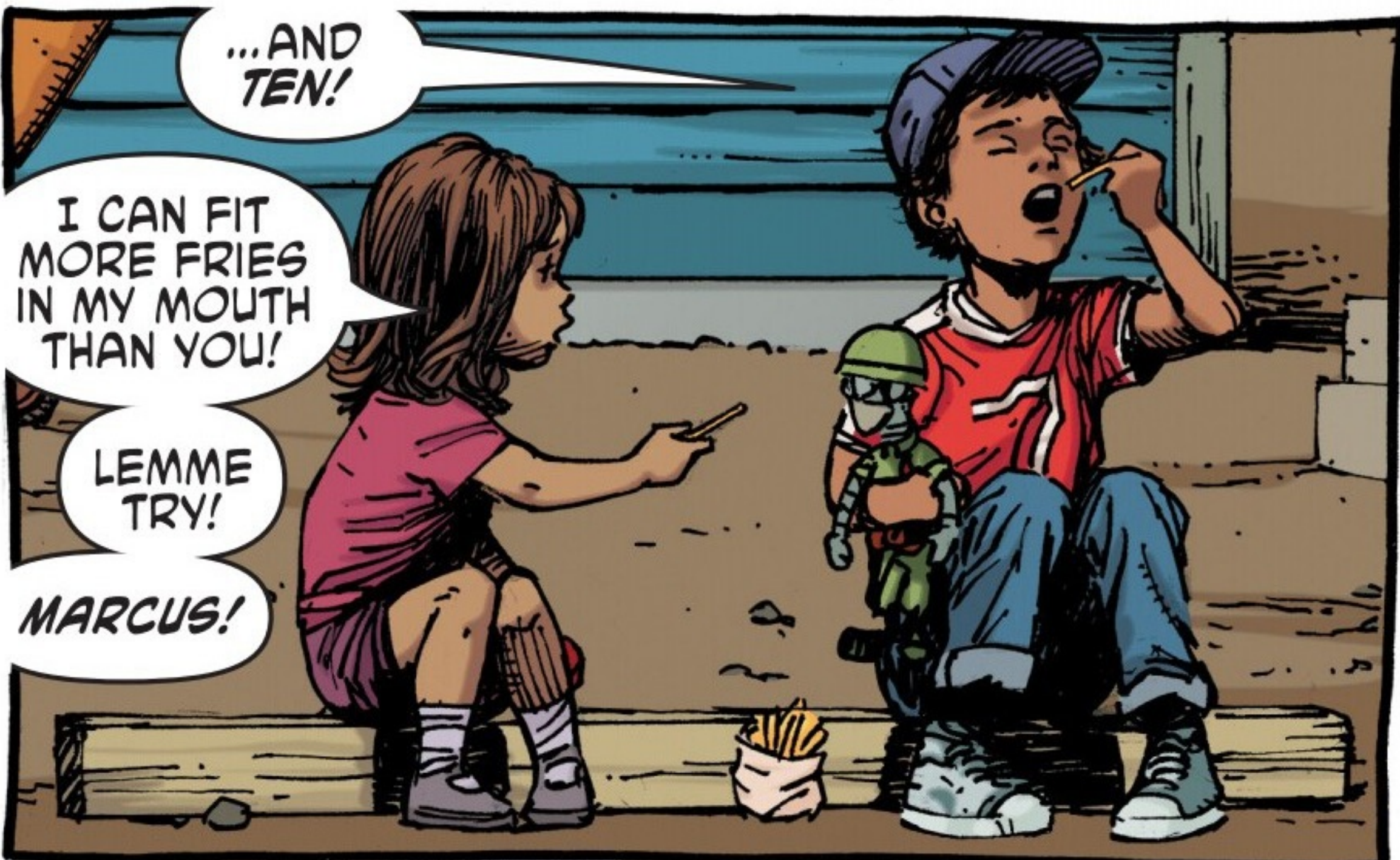


THE ARMY DRAFTED GRANT'S SON.

PULLED HIM RIGHT OUT OF HIS THIRD YEAR AT UNLV.



I WORRY ABOUT OUR KIDS, TRACE.



...AND TEN!

I CAN FIT MORE FRIES IN MY MOUTH THAN YOU!

LEMME TRY!

MARCUS!



I WORRY ABOUT GRANT'S SON. OUR COUNTRY.

THE WORLD.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?



YOU CAN BUILD A HOUSE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT, LIKE YOU'RE DOING.

IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

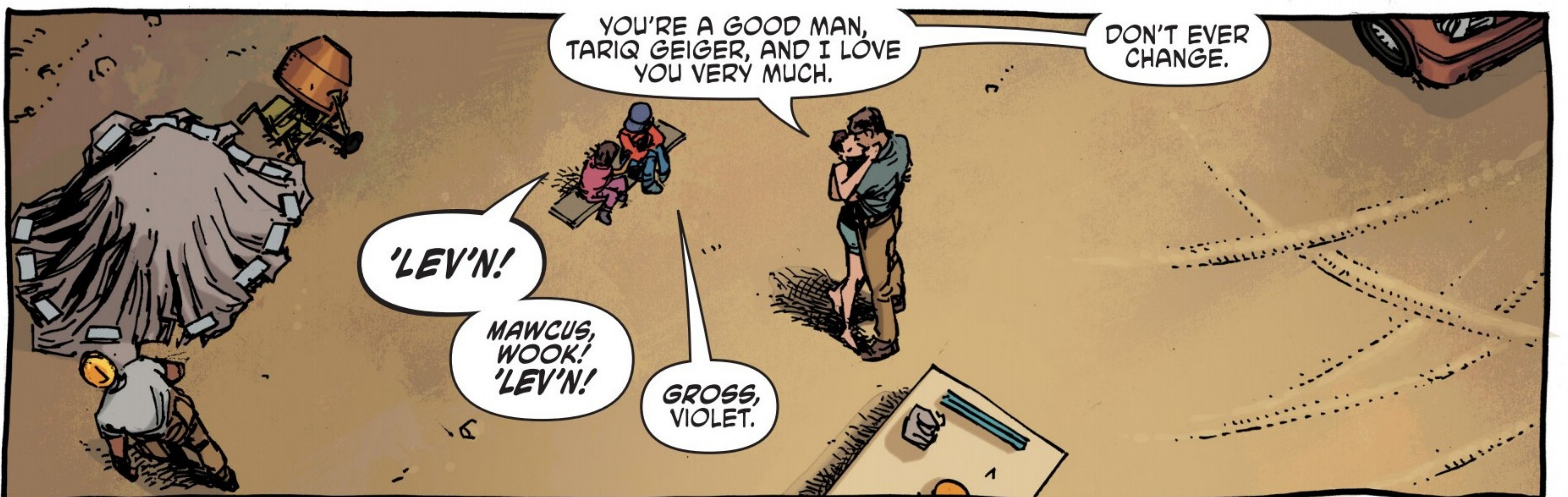
IT WILL FOR SOMEONE.



KEEP BEING THE LOVING AND CARING HUSBAND AND FATHER YOU ARE.



BE YOU.



YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, TARIQ GEIGER, AND I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

DON'T EVER CHANGE.

'LEV'N!

MAWCUS, WOOK! 'LEV'N!

GROSS, VIOLET.

25 YEARS FROM NOW







GO SOUTH ABOUT FORTY-FIVE MILES UNTIL YOU START SEEING LOTS OF *PINE TREES*.

YOU'LL COME TO A TRAIN WRECK. FOLLOW THE TRACKS, *um, WEST!* DON'T STOP...EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU'RE LOST, BECAUSE IT'LL LOOK LIKE YOU ARE.

YOU'LL REACH A TUNNEL THAT WILL TAKE YOU TO A HIDDEN TOWN CALLED GROVER'S CORNERS. LIKE THE PLAY. MR. GEIGER TOLD ME ALL ABOUT IT.



ASK FOR BEVERLY WEBB AND HER FATHER.

TELL THEM THE GLOWING MAN AND HIS KNIGHT SENT YOU. AND TELL THEM THAT YOU LIKE ANIMALS!

GROVER'S CORNERS WILL WELCOME YOU IN.



THANK YOU SO MUCH, GLOWING MAN!



HE HEARD YOU.



IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR HIM?

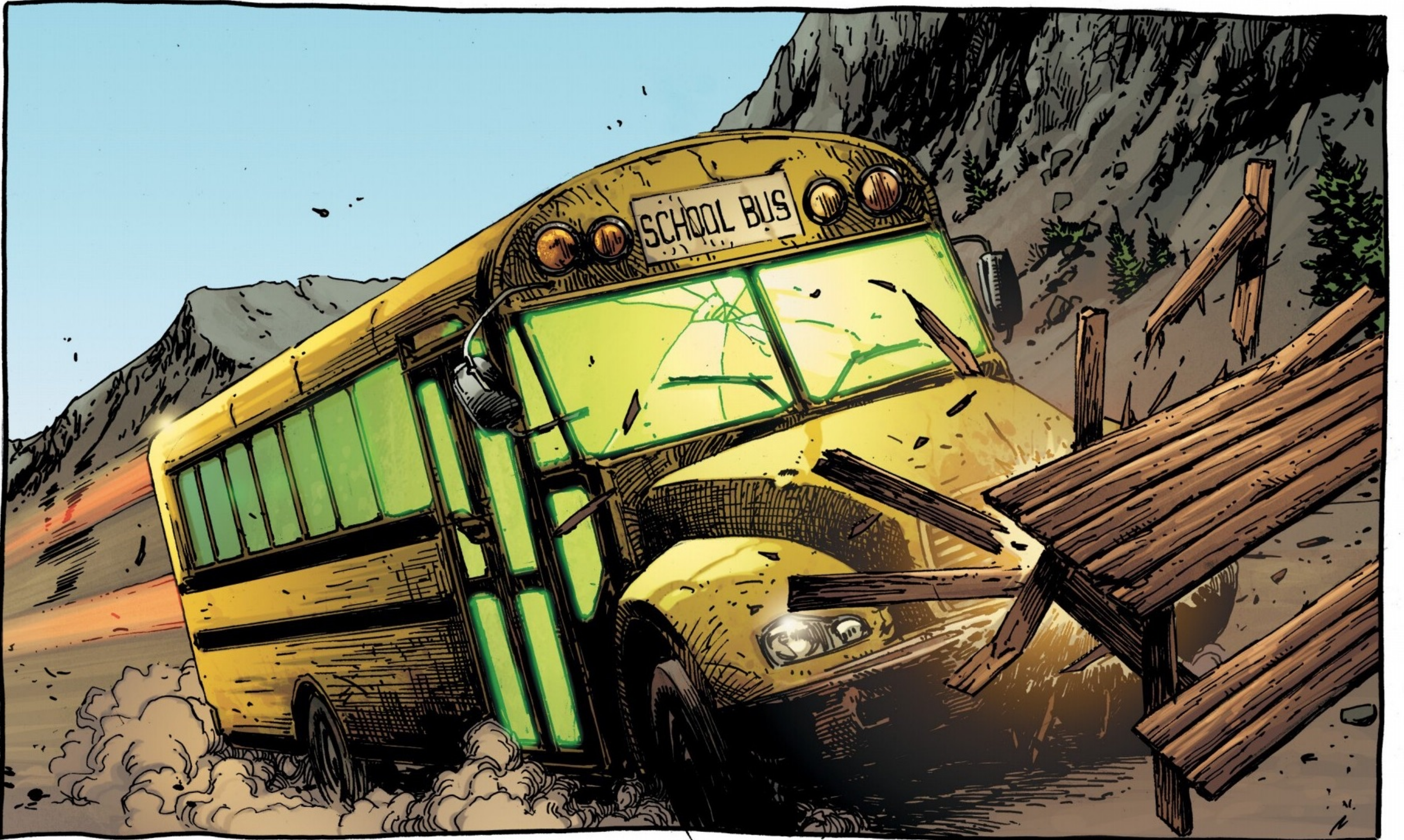
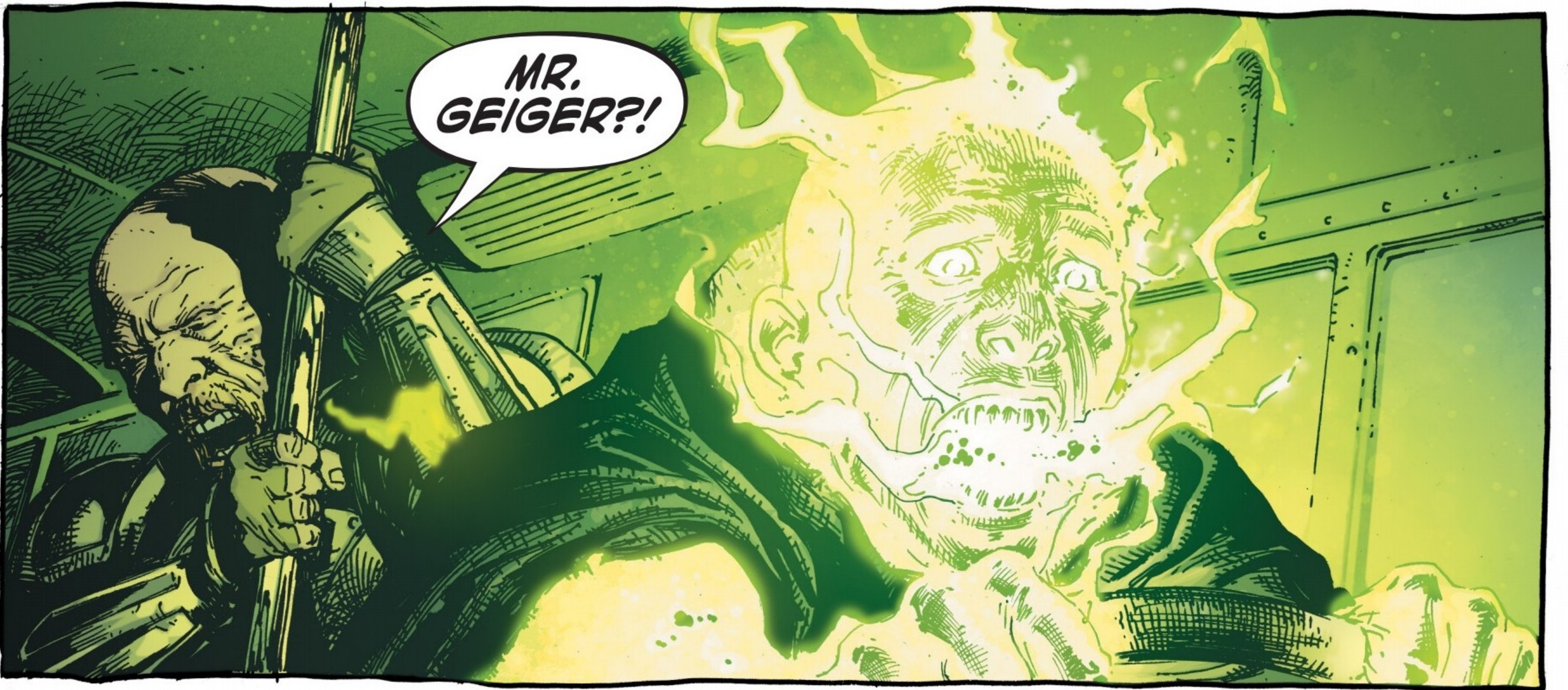
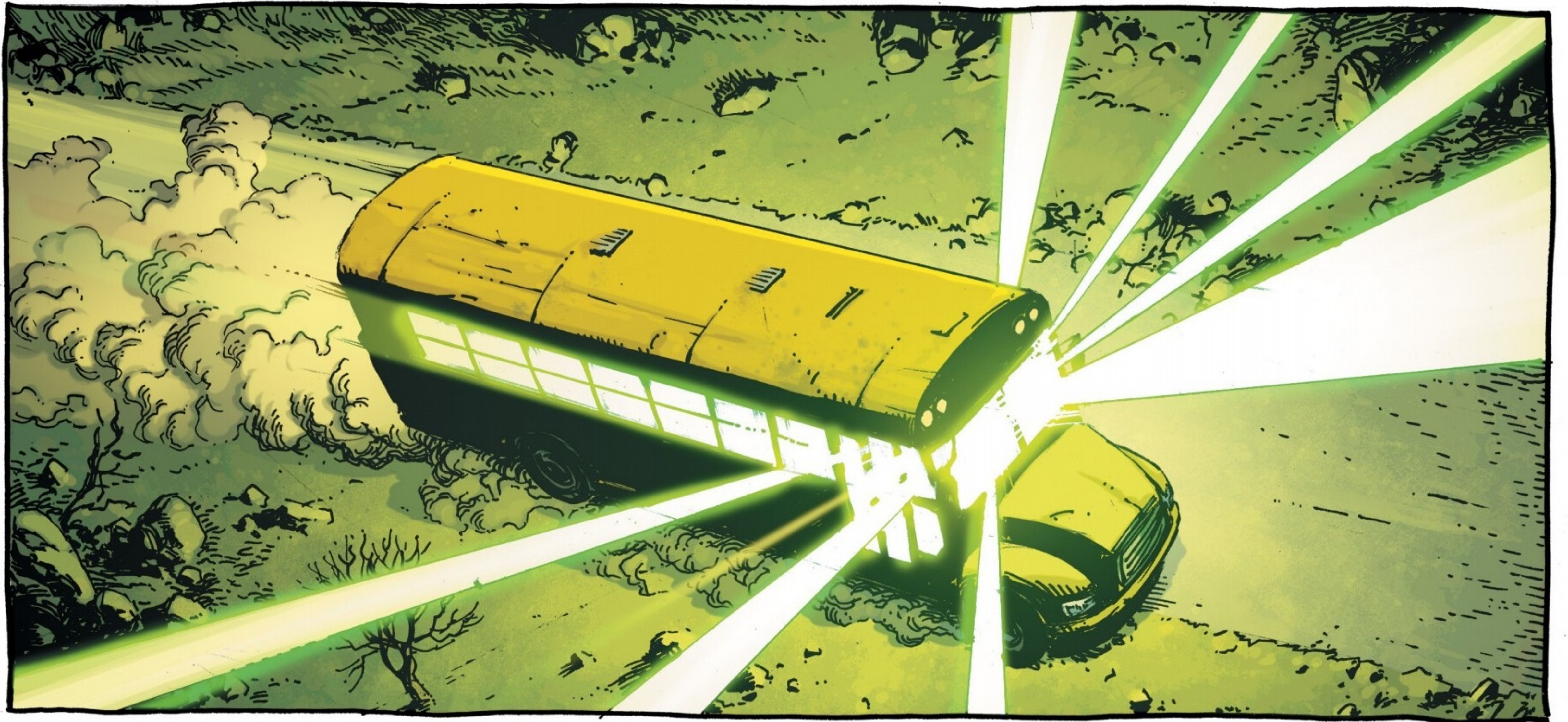


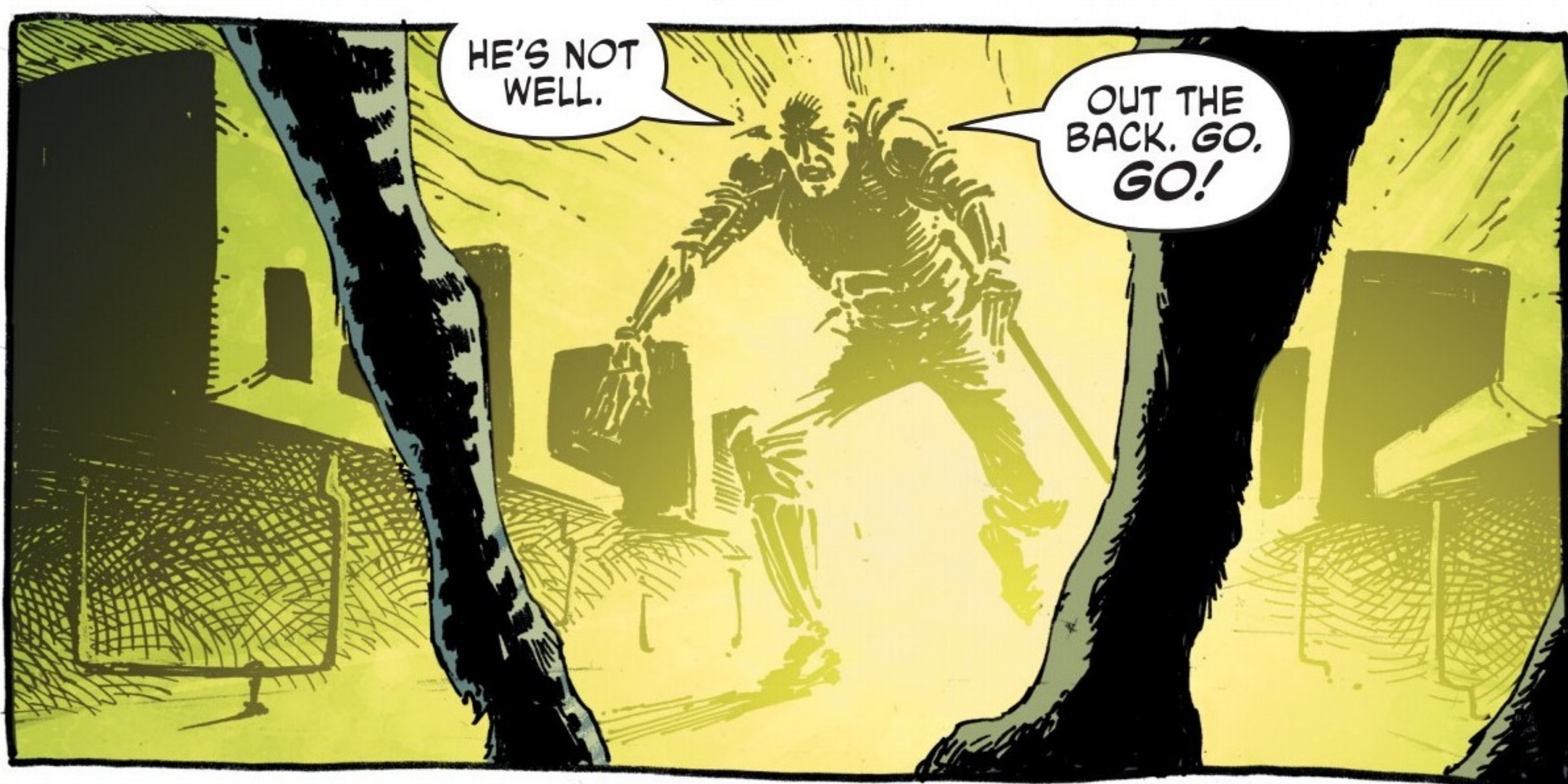
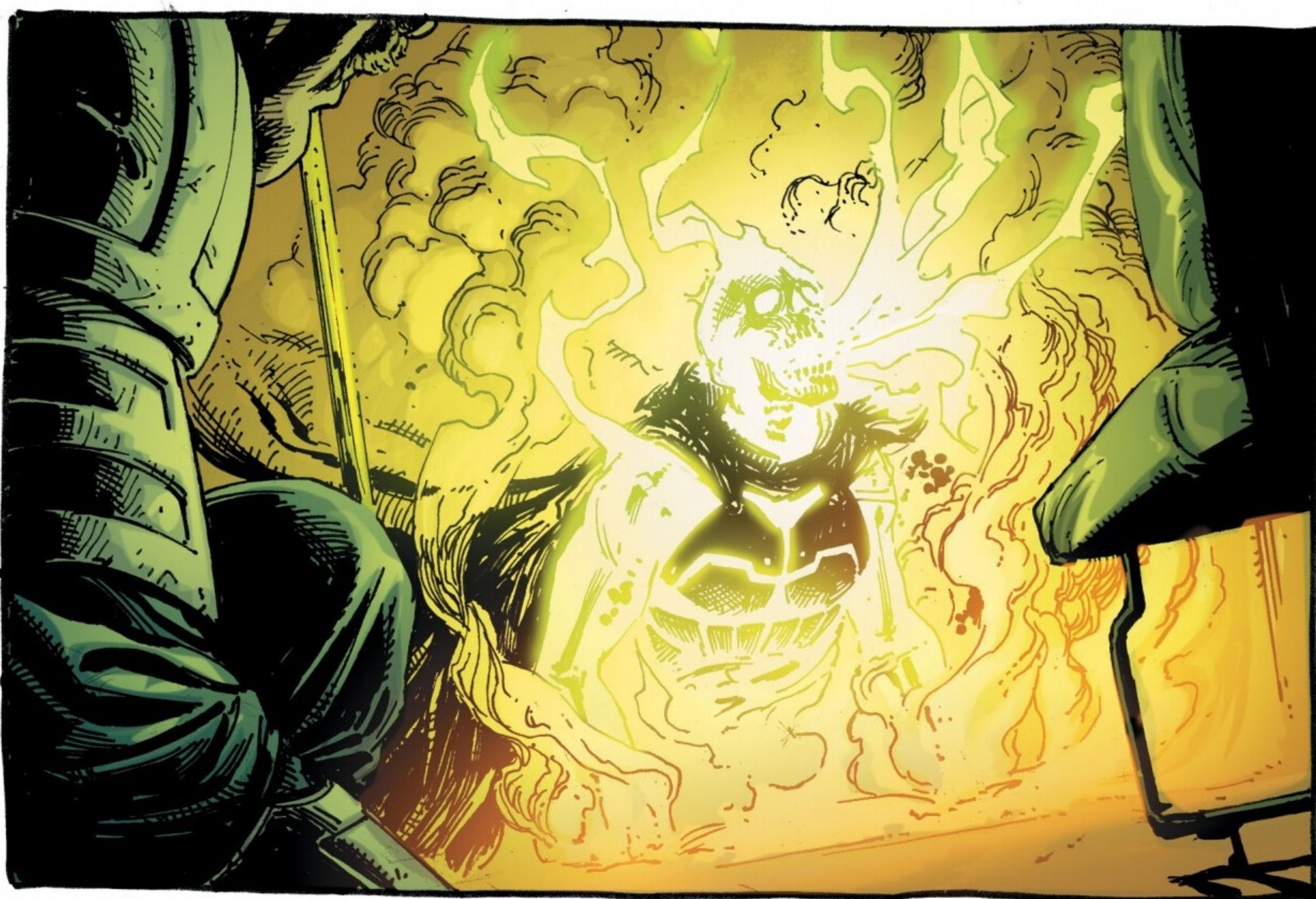
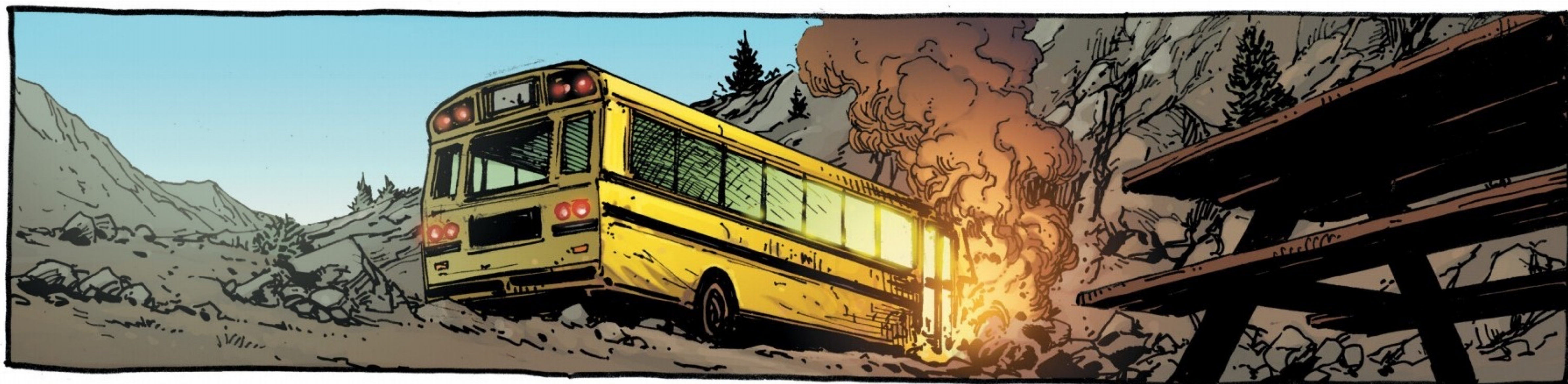
DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS?

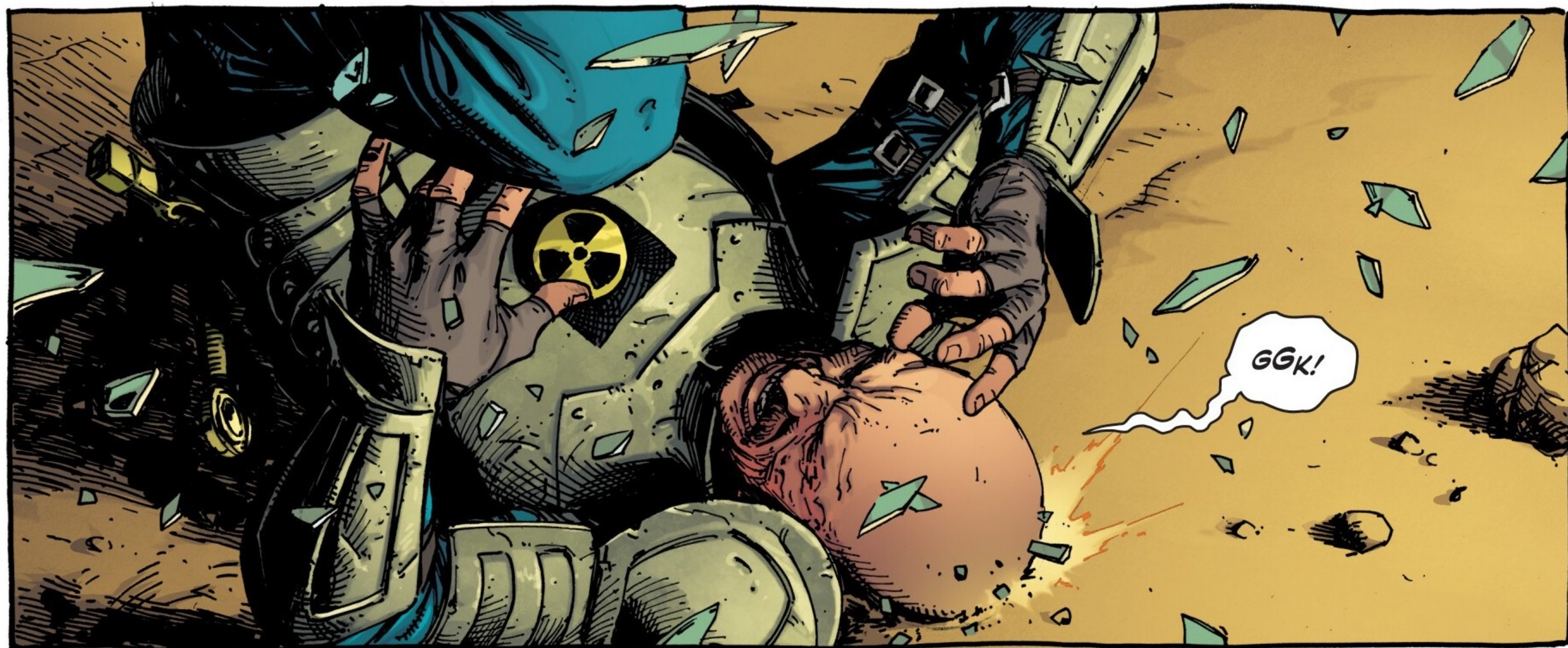


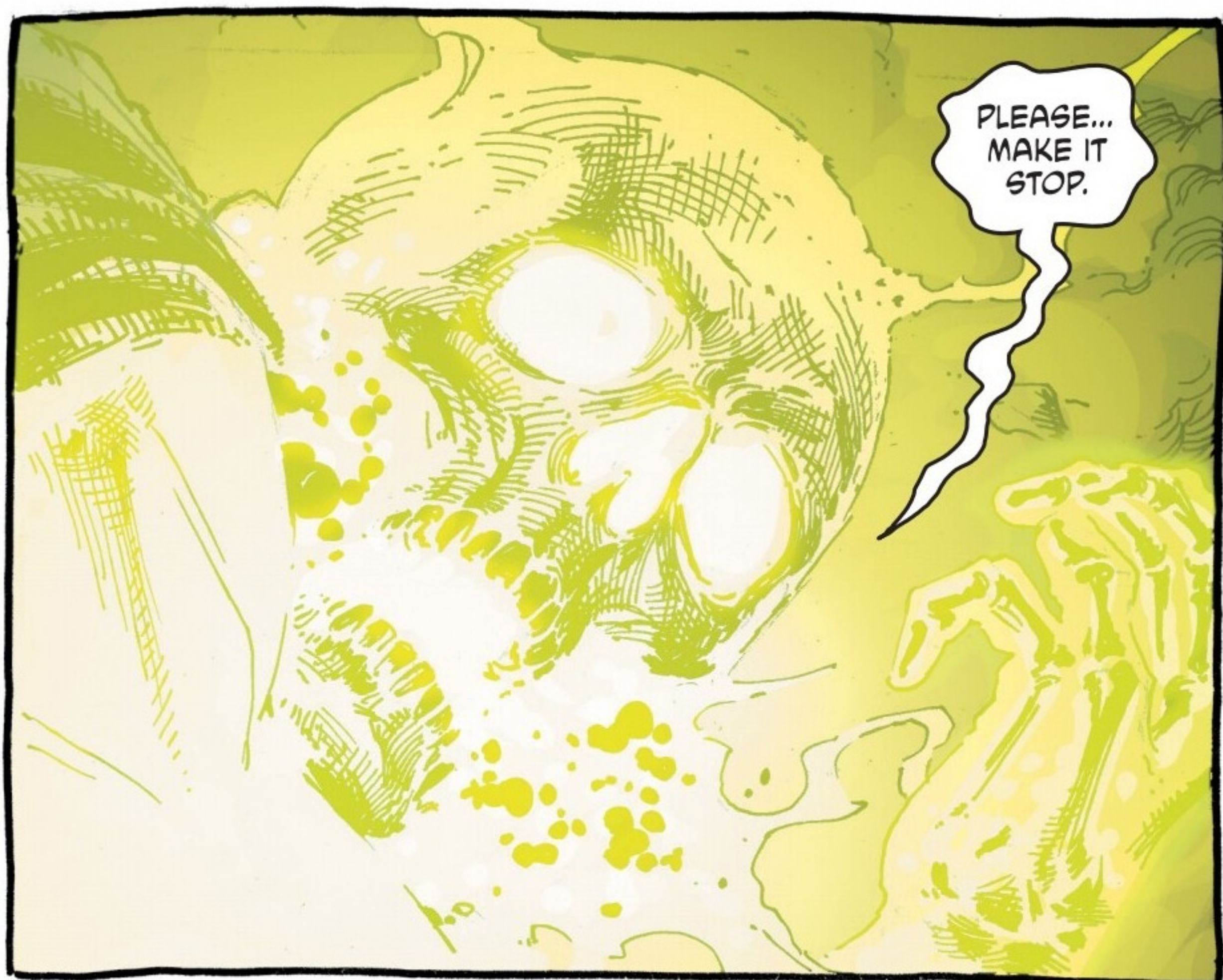
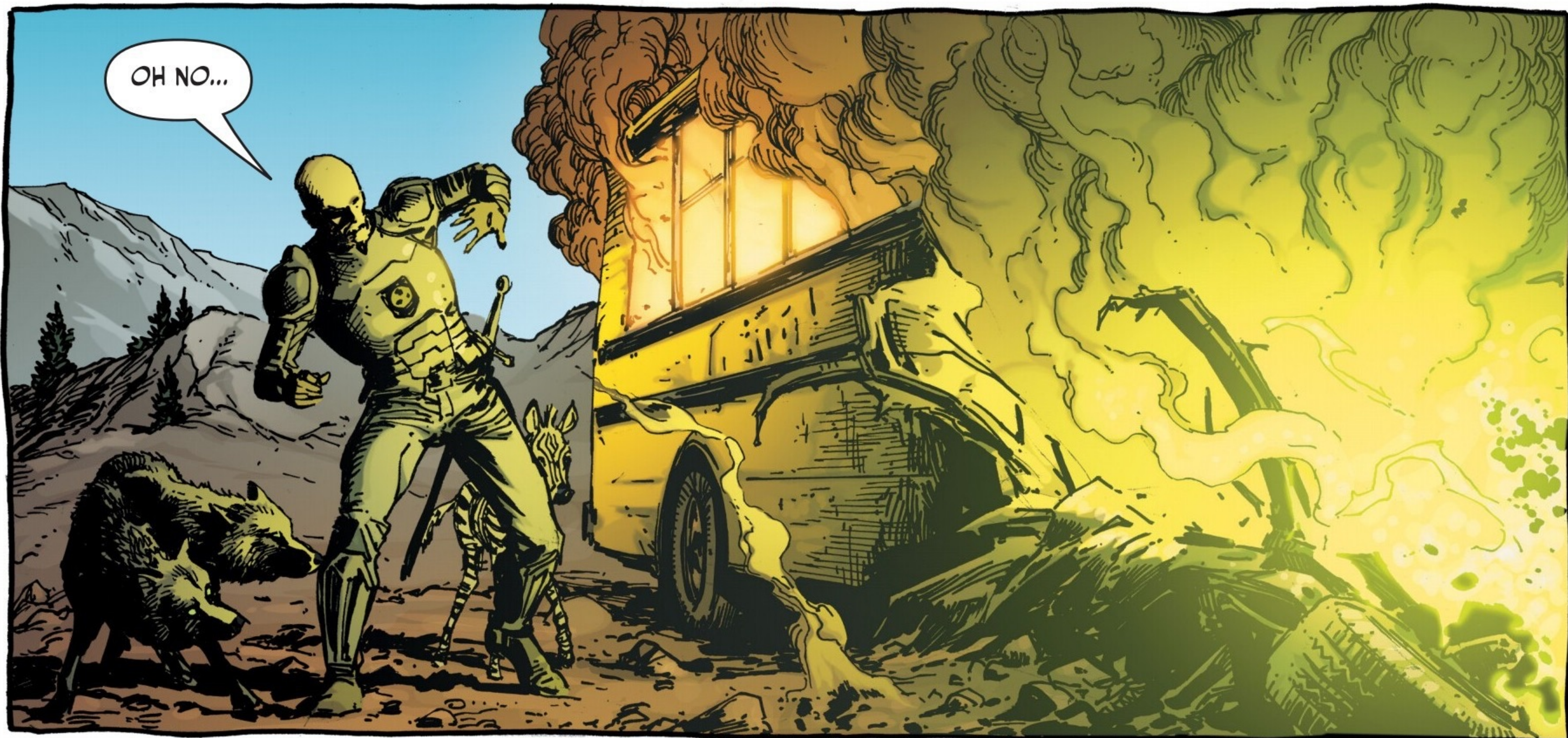


















MY
SWORD!

TANG



IT...IT'S
STARING AT ME,
MR. GEIGER.

WHY'S
IT JUST
STARING AT
ME?



WHRRR



MEMORY SOURCE: HARPERS FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA

LAUGH IF YOU PLEASE,
BUT I *DID* HAVE A *TRUE FRIEND*
ONCE. A *GERMAN*, AND QUITE A
FAMOUS ONE AT THAT.

ALBERT WAS A
BRILLIANT LAD, WITH A MIND
CAPABLE OF NOT ONLY
UNLOCKING THE *SECRETS*
OF THE *UNIVERSE*...

...BUT THE
SECRETS OF
THE *SOUL* AS
WELL.

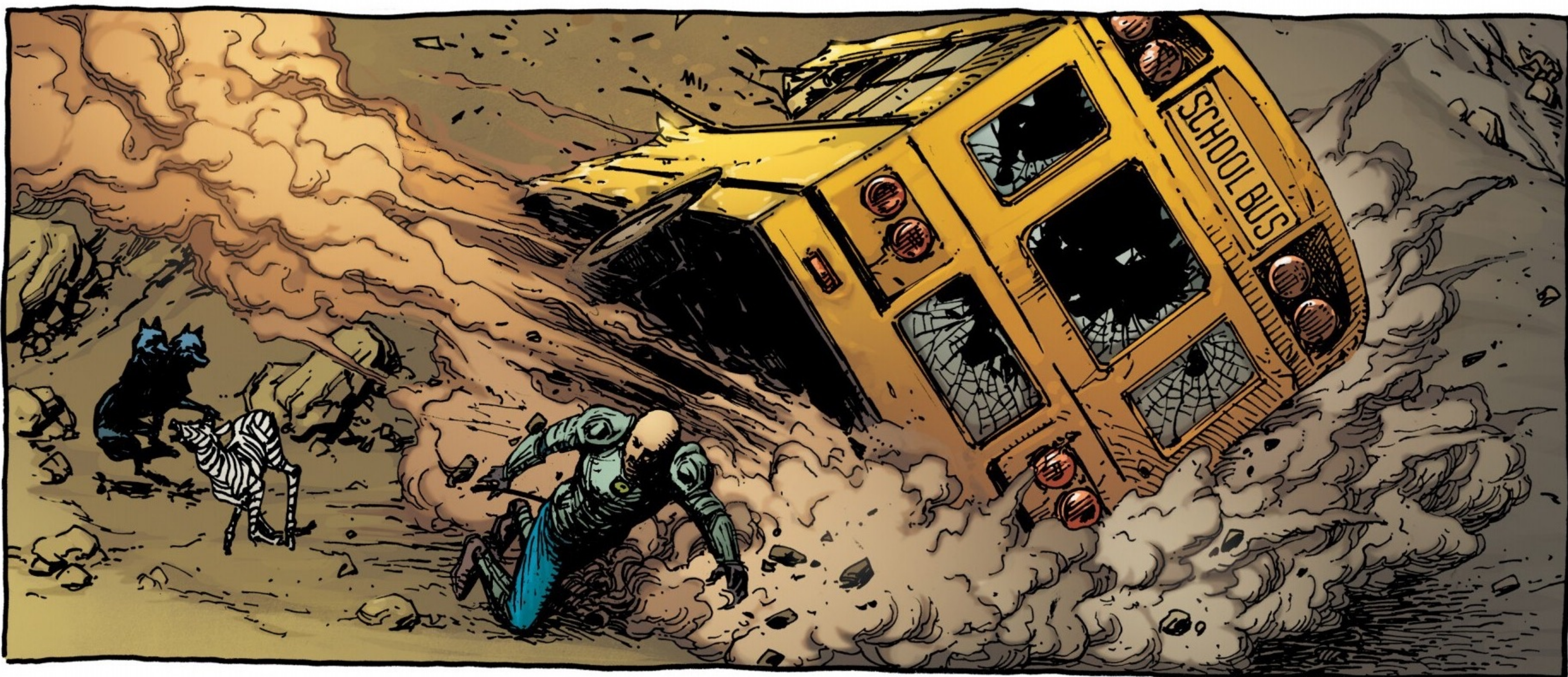
SO I KNOW A
SOUL WHEN I *SEE* ONE.
AND AFTER WITNESSING
THAT *MECHANICAL SOLDIER*
TODAY, ONE THING
IS *ABUNDANTLY*
CLEAR...



"...JUNKYARD JOE
HAS A SOUL."

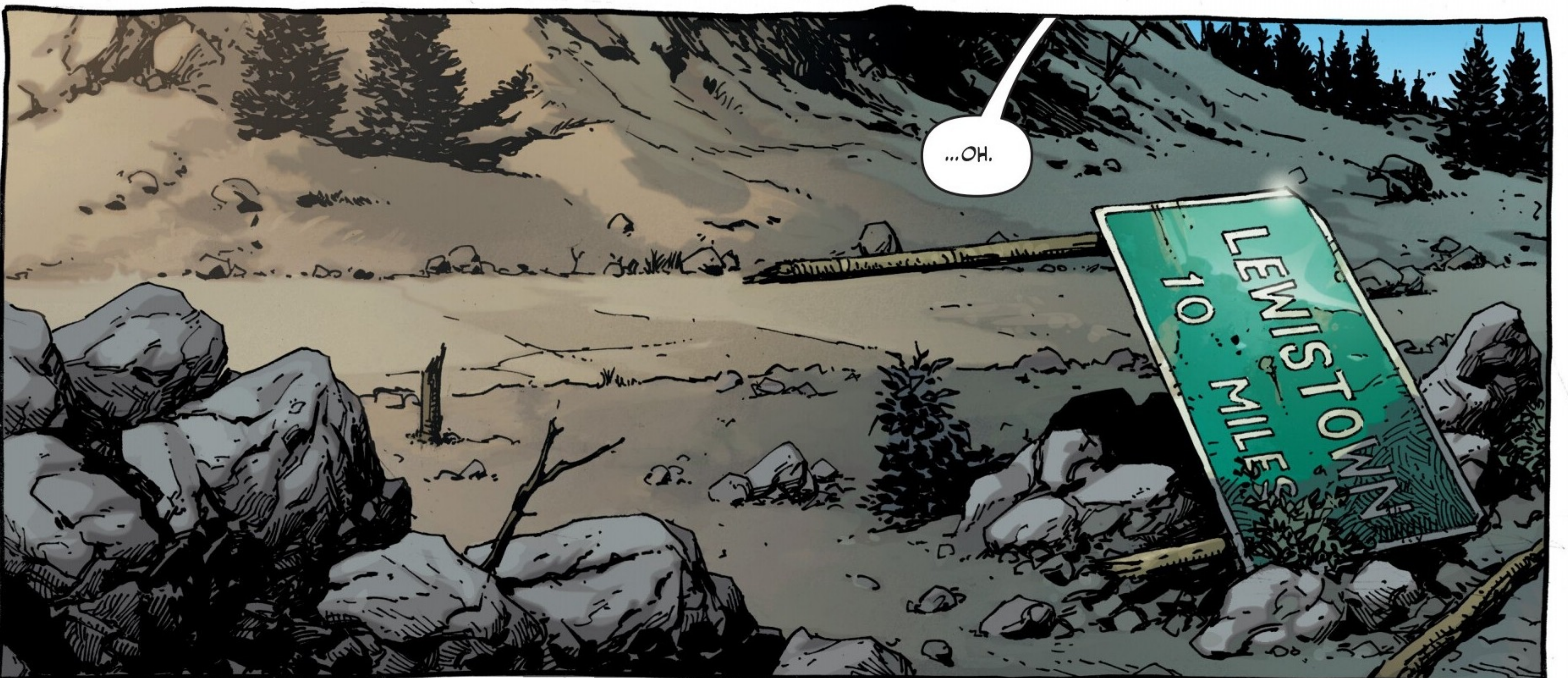
NATE.

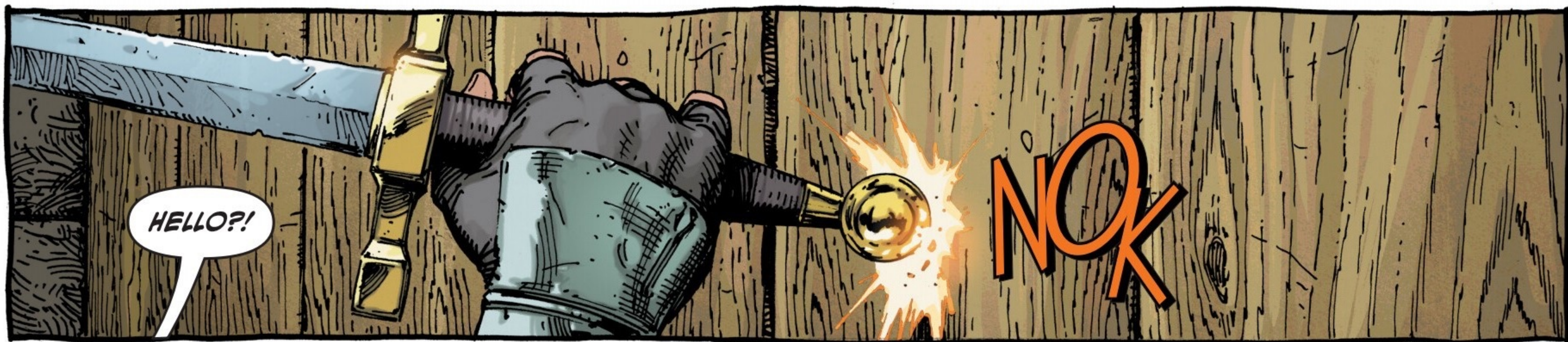
US ARMY











NO
TRESPASSING.







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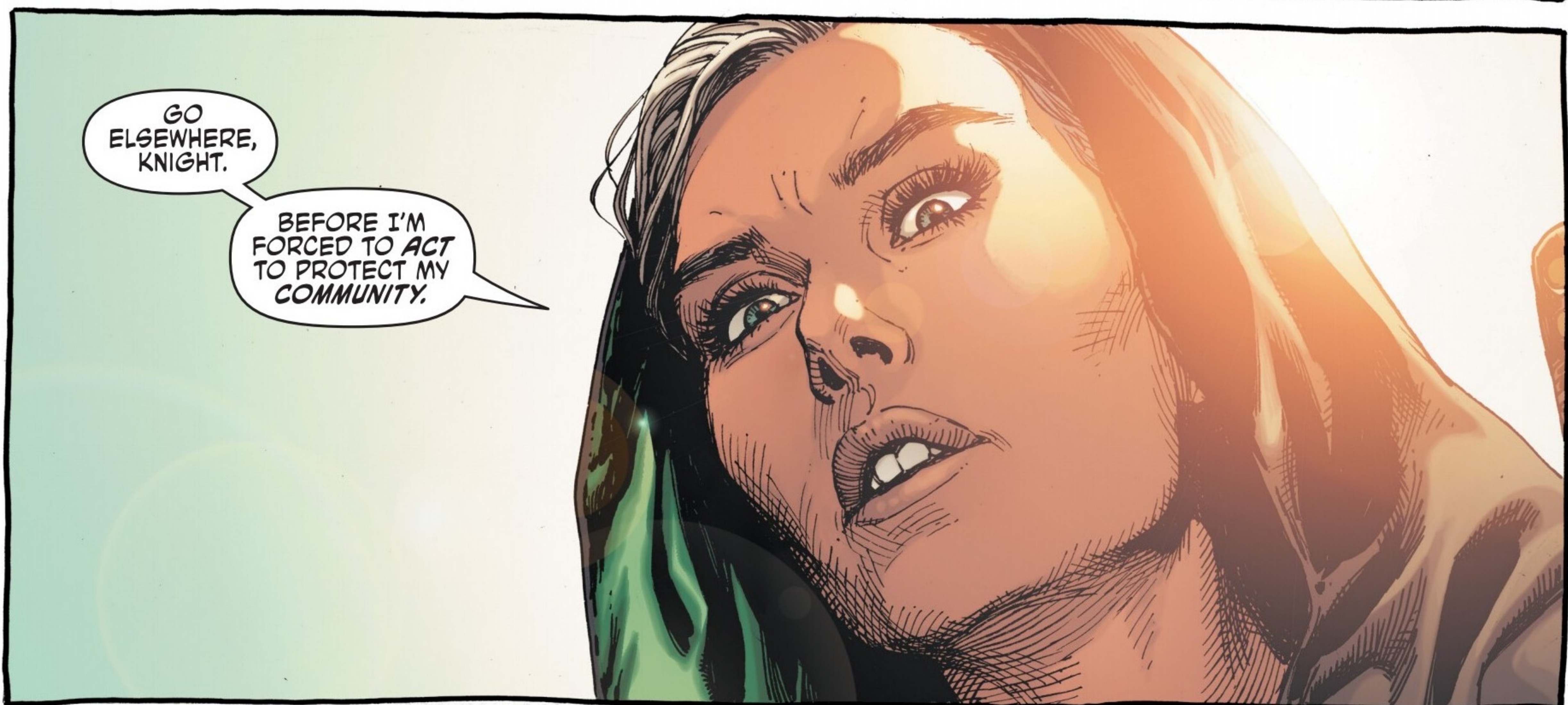


WE
NEED YOUR
HELP!





PLEASE
LET US IN.

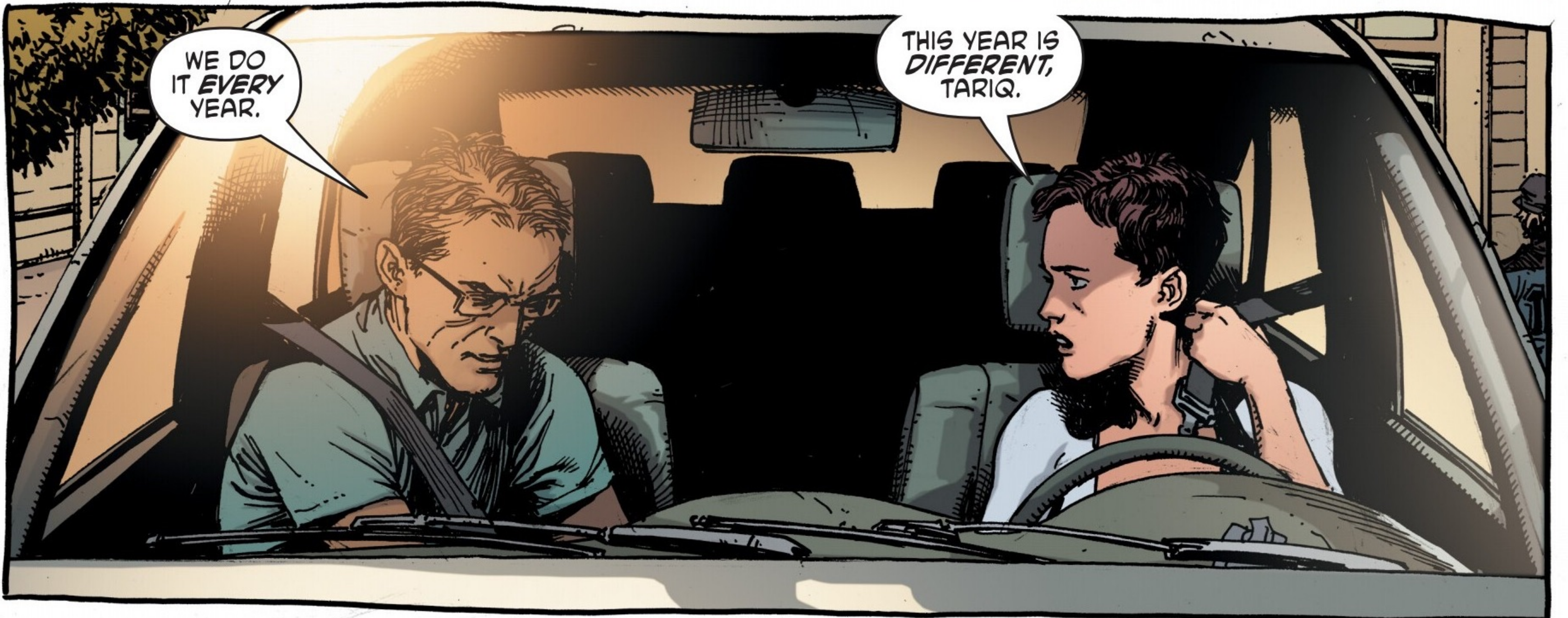
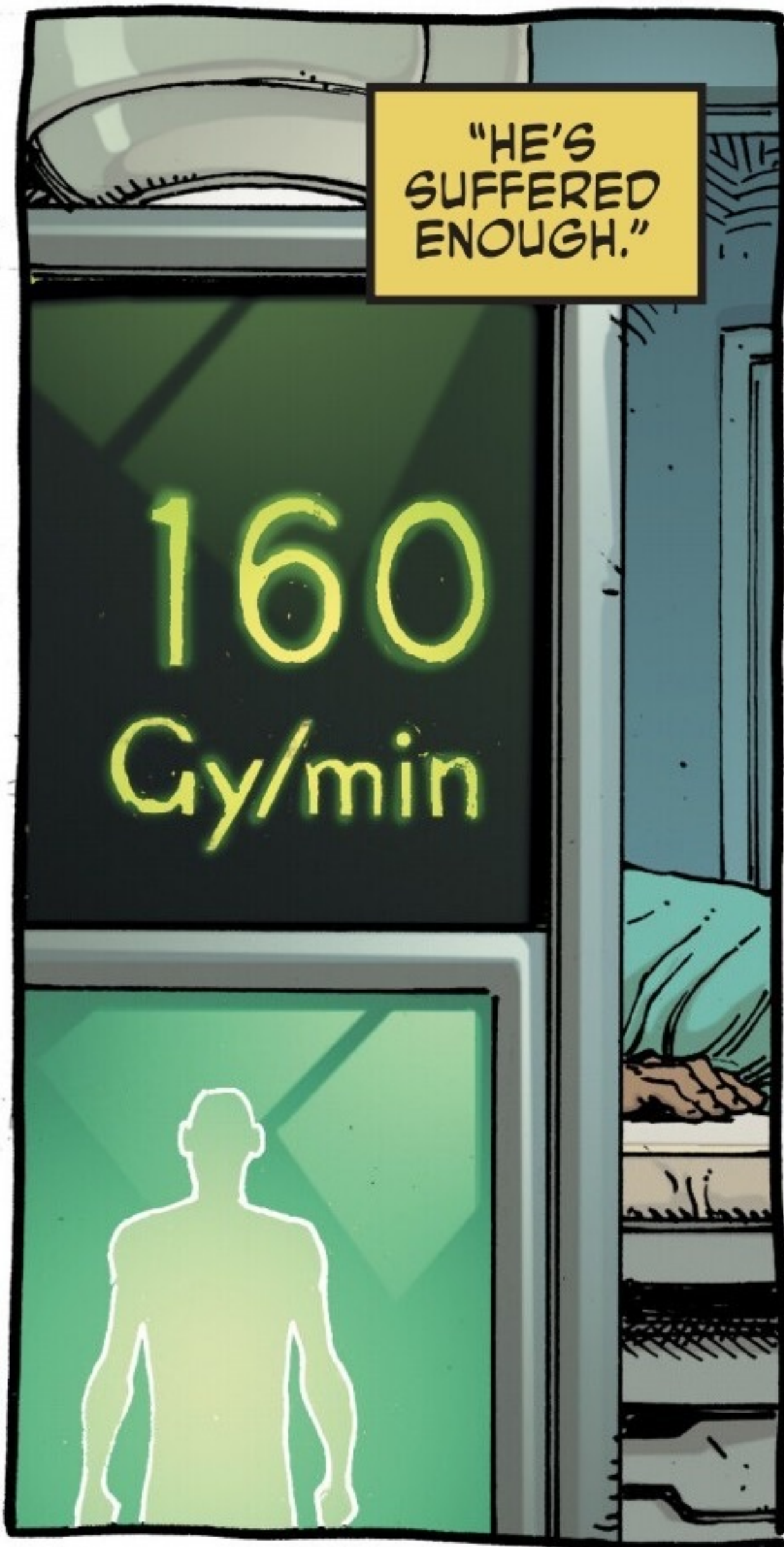


GO
ELSEWHERE,
KNIGHT.

BEFORE I'M
FORCED TO *ACT*
TO PROTECT MY
COMMUNITY.







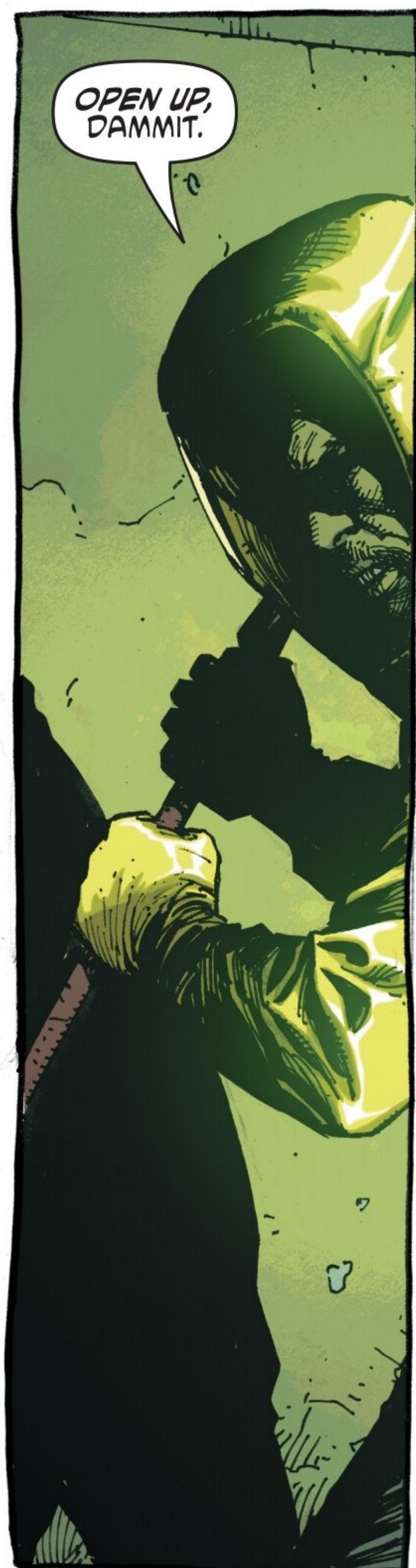


"DON'T
LEAVE US!"

I KNOW
THERE'S SOMETHIN'
I CAN USE IN
THERE.

FOOD...
SUPPLIES...
ANYTHING!

"DON'T
LEAVE US
IN HERE
WITHOUT
YOU!"



OPEN UP,
DAMMIT.



GET AWAY
FROM THAT
DOOR!



AAAAHH!





YOU KILLED HIM, TARIQ. THAT WAS MURDER.

THAT **SCAVENGER** WAS BREAKING INTO THE **SHELTER**, MOLOTOV. IF HE'D GOTTEN INSIDE, MY WIFE AND KIDS WOULD BE BREATHING THIS **TOXIC AIR**.

HE WAS A **DEAD MAN** THE MOMENT HE **IGNORED** THE **SIGNS** I POSTED **EVERYWHERE**.

HE WAS **TERRIFIED**, TARIQ. LIKE **ALL** OF US **SPARED** BY THE **BOMBS**.

I DON'T **CARE** ABOUT HIS **FEAR**.

I WILL KILL **ANYONE** WHO GETS NEAR MY **FAMILY**.

SHOW SOME **MERCY**.



WHEN HAS THE WORLD SHOWN **ME** ANY **MERCY**?

WHEN?



I SHOWED YOU **MERCY** WHEN I FOUND YOU, **LOST** AND **GLOWING**.

THE **BOMBS**, THEY **POISONED** YOUR **SOUL** AS MUCH AS YOUR **BODY**.



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HELPED **BUILD** THE **BOMBS**.



YES.

SO, THAT MAKES ME **DOCTOR FRANKENSTEIN**...

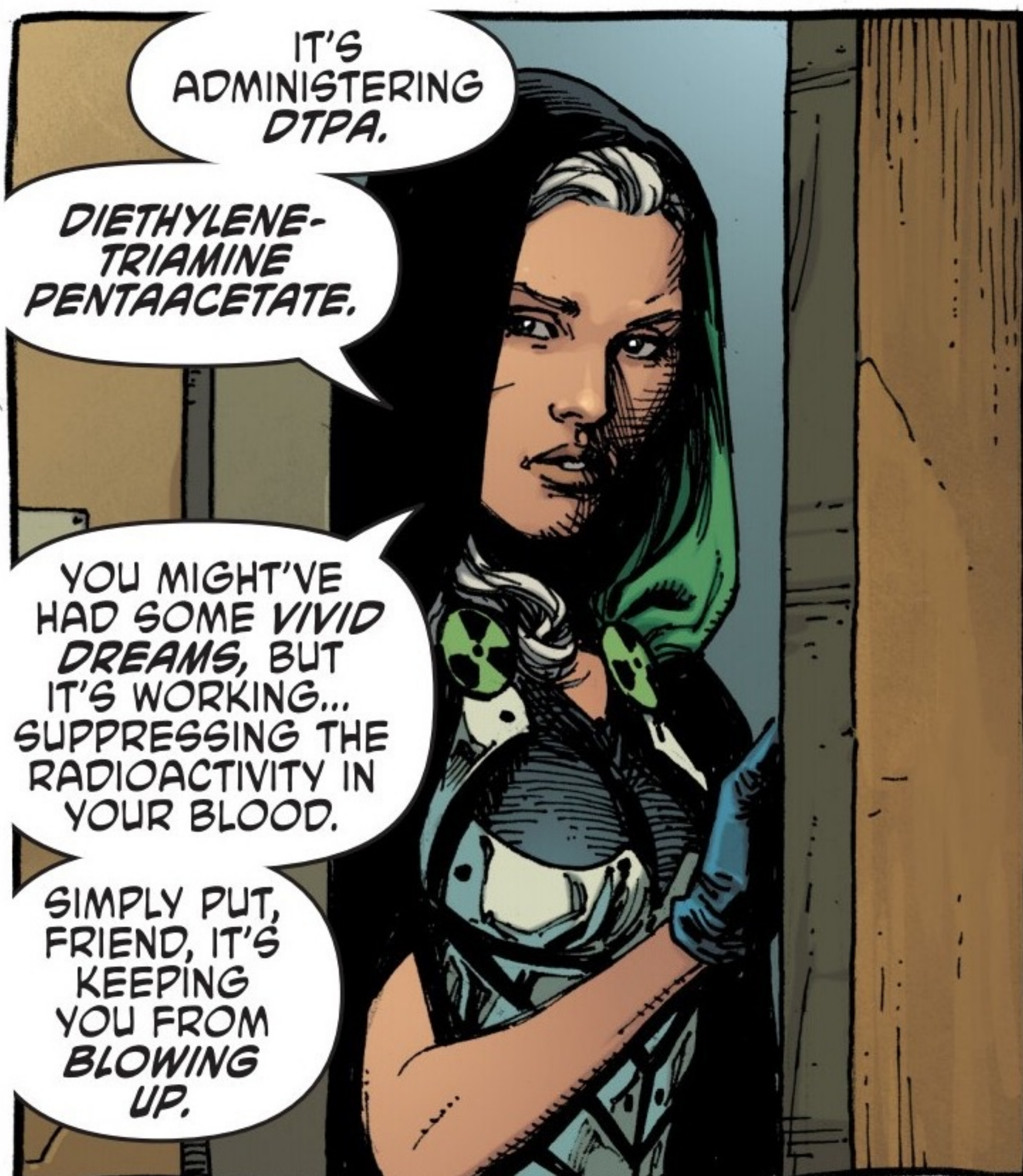


"...AND YOU, MY **MONSTER**."

≡UJUFFF...?≡



I WOULDN'T
PULL THAT
OUT.



IT'S
ADMINISTERING
DTPA.

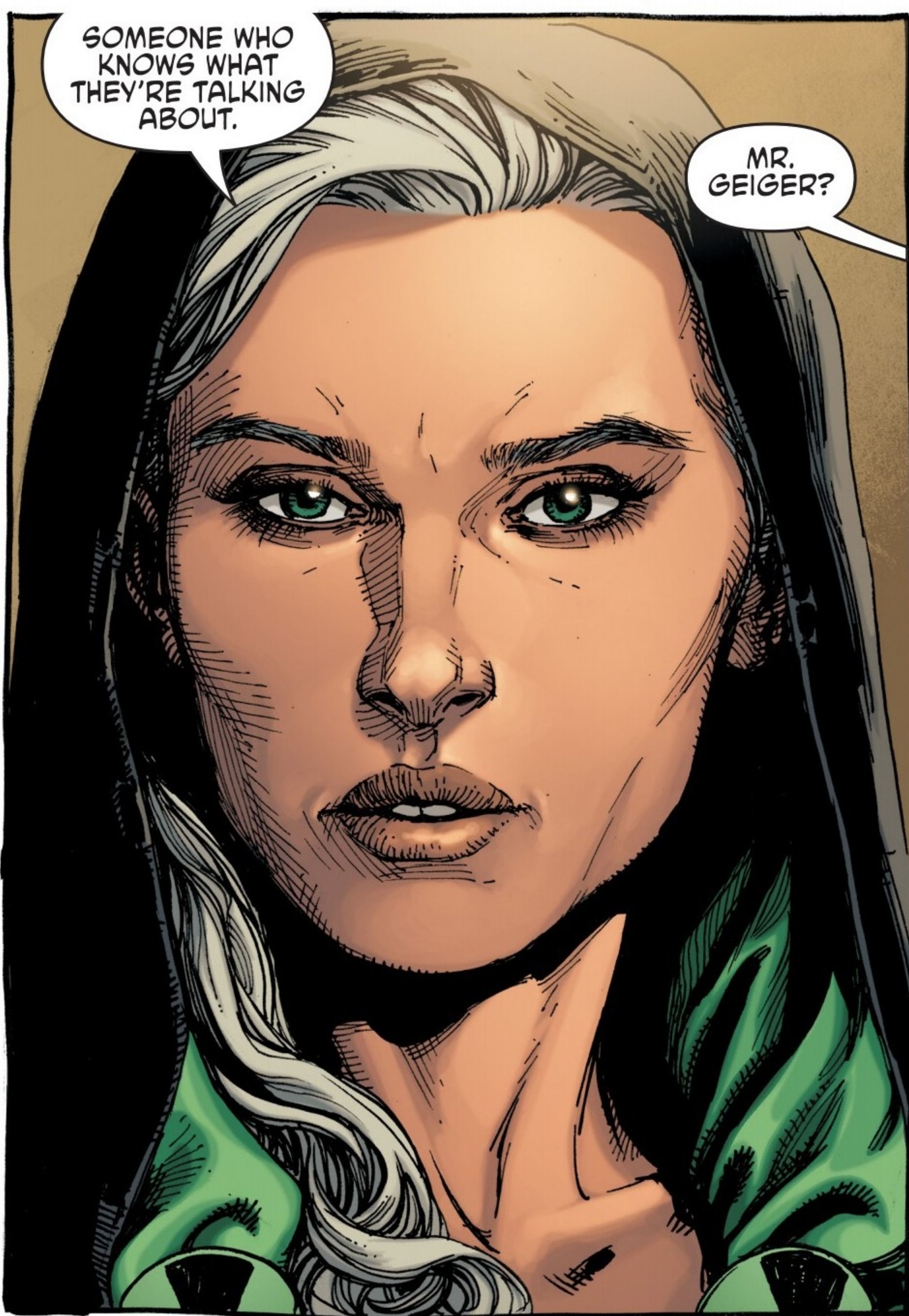
DIETHYLENE-
TRIAMINE
PENTAACETATE.

YOU MIGHT'VE
HAD SOME VIVID
DREAMS, BUT
IT'S WORKING...
SUPPRESSING THE
RADIOACTIVITY IN
YOUR BLOOD.

SIMPLY PUT,
FRIEND, IT'S
KEEPING
YOU FROM
BLOWING
UP.

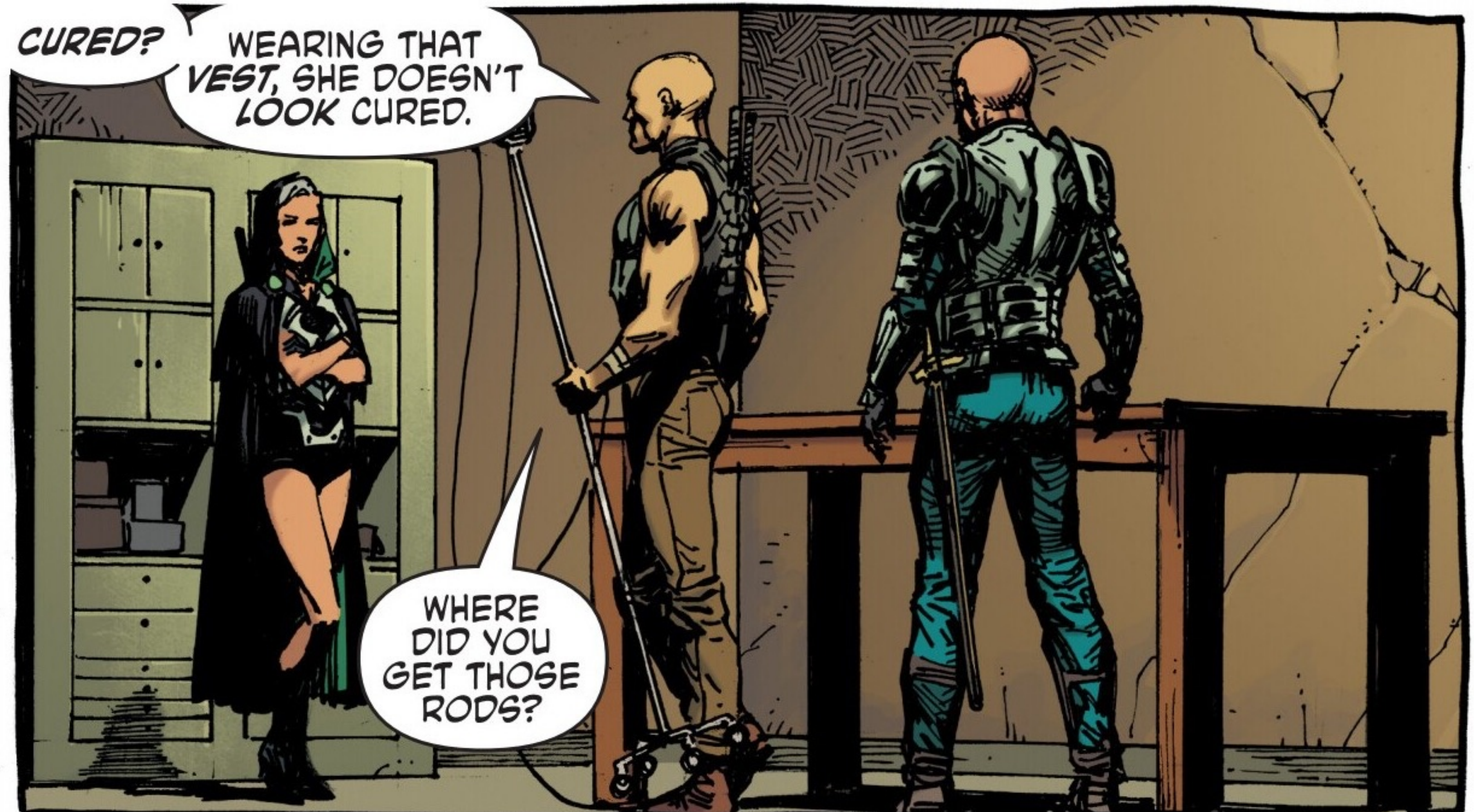
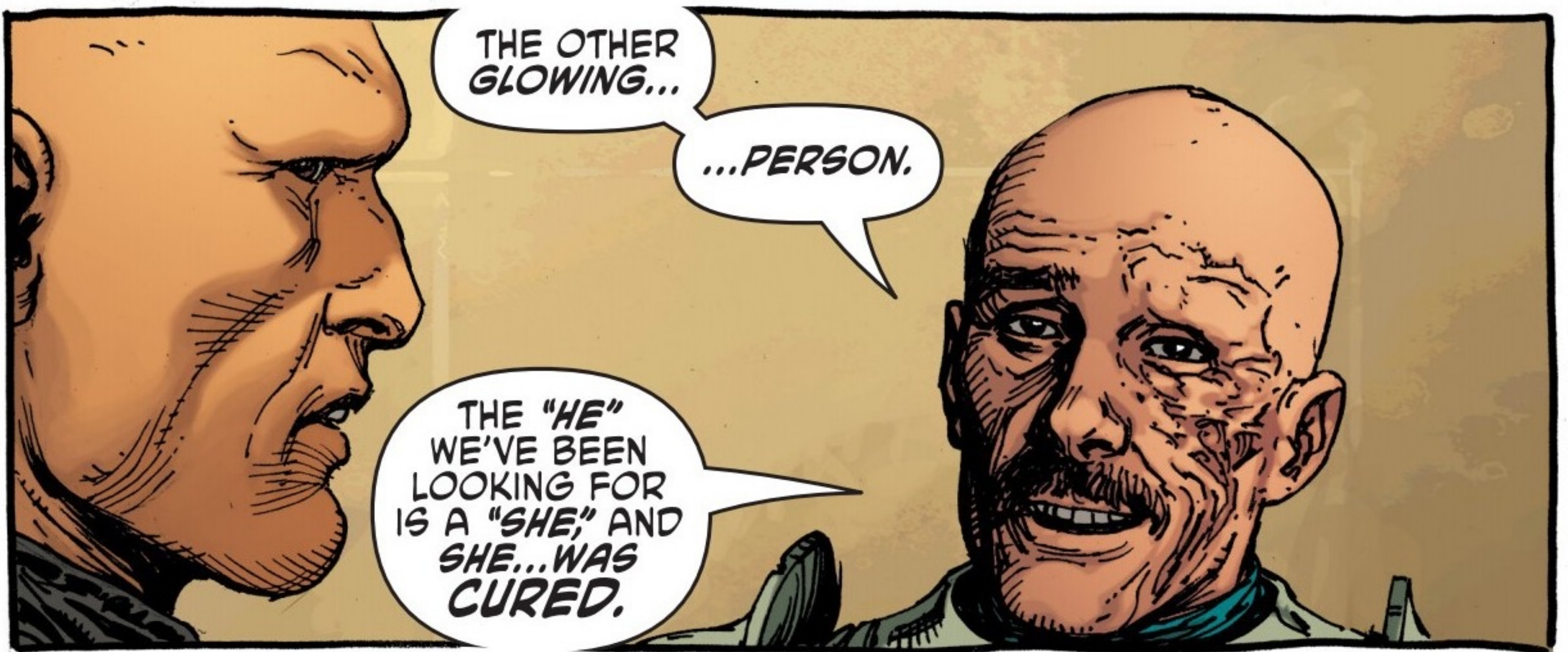
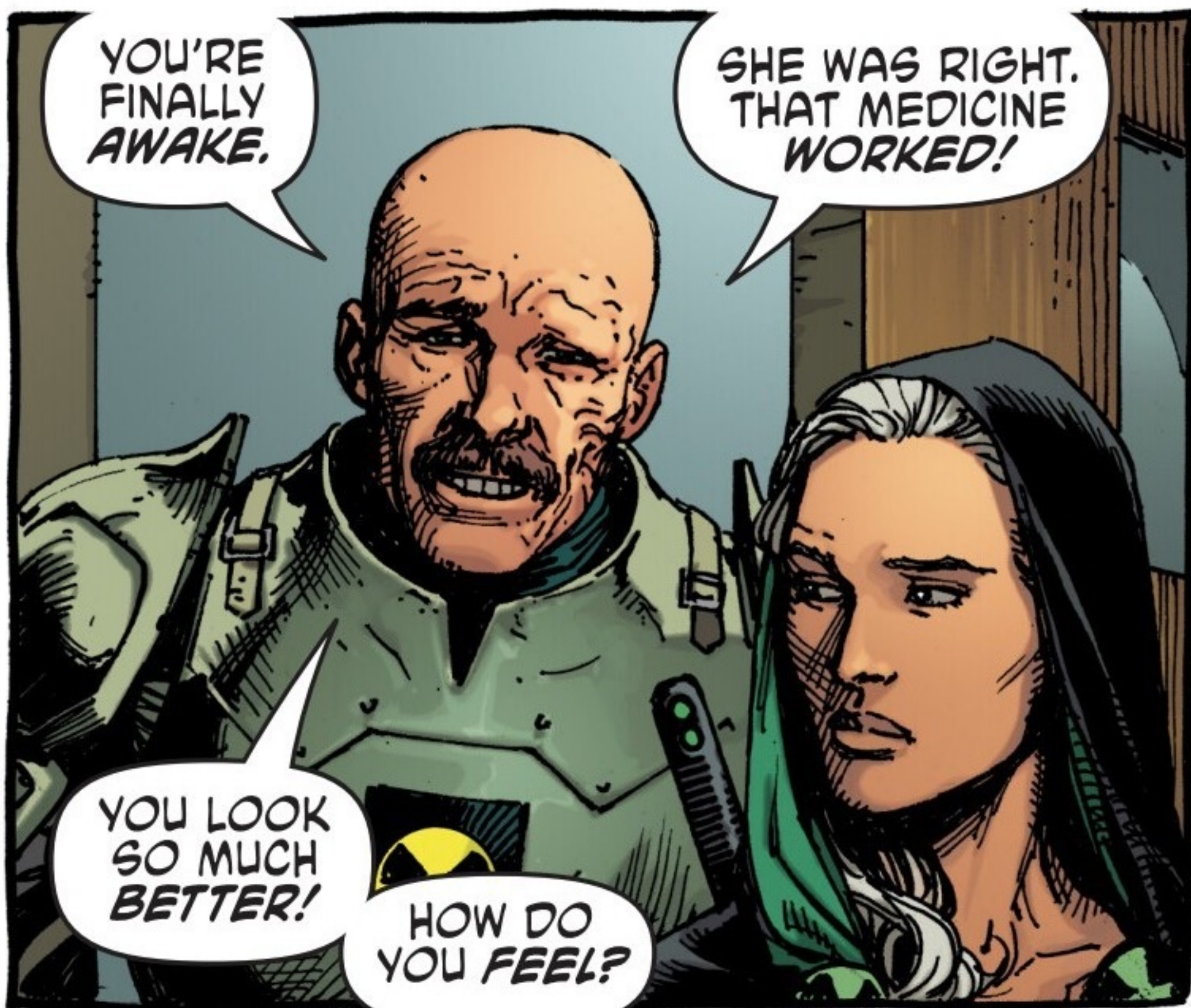


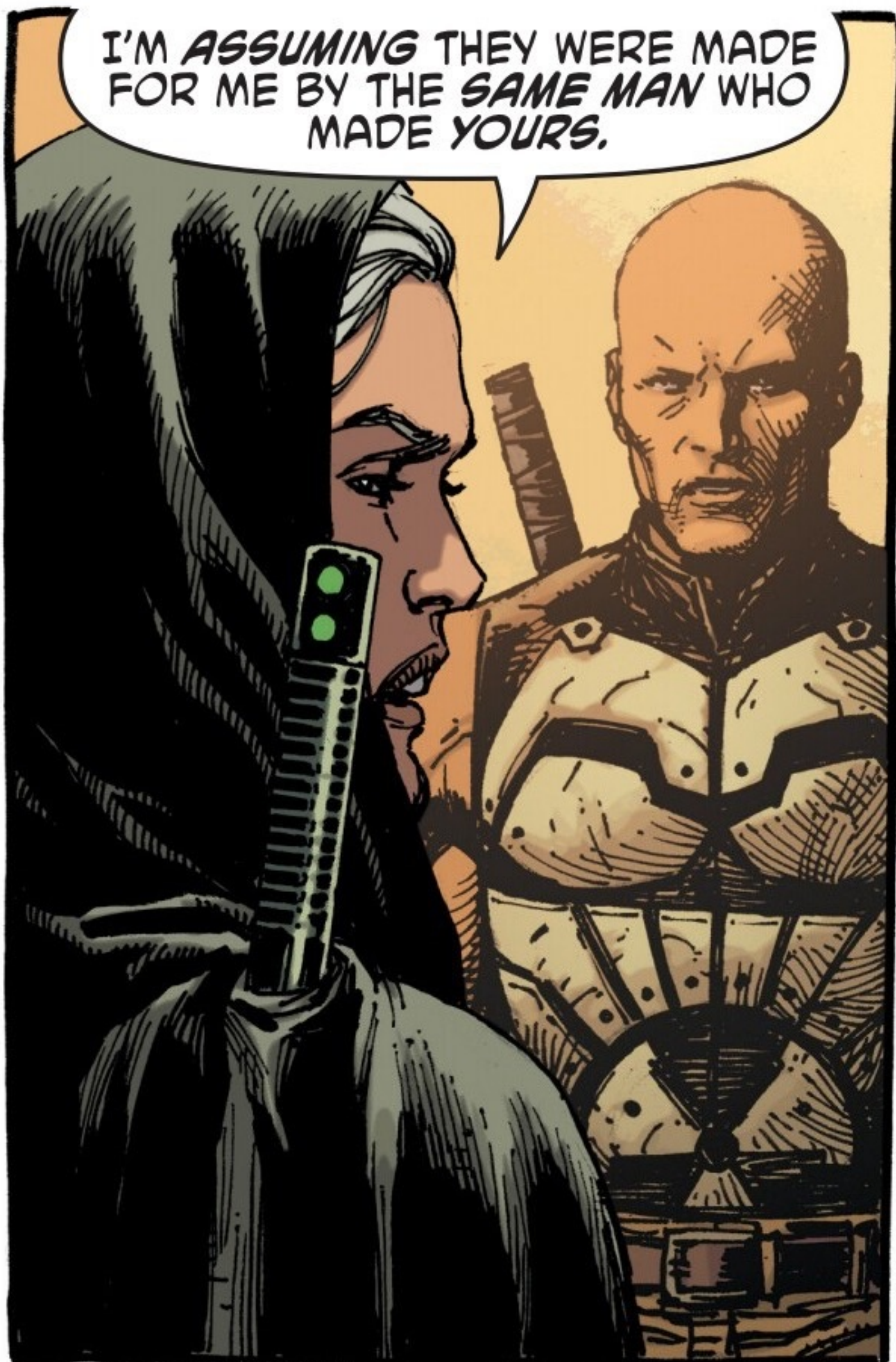
WHO ARE
YOU?



SOMEONE WHO
KNOWS WHAT
THEY'RE TALKING
ABOUT.

MR.
GEIGER?





I'M ASSUMING THEY WERE MADE FOR ME BY THE SAME MAN WHO MADE YOURS.



A RUSSIAN, I'M GUESSING.



YES, AND A DEAR FRIEND.

A PHYSICS PROFESSOR FROM SAINT PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY.

PYOTR PETROV.



"PETROV'S" REAL NAME IS DOCTOR ANDREI MOLOTOV. HE WAS A NUCLEAR SCIENTIST FROM RUSSIA WHO DEFECTED TO THE U.S. RIGHT BEFORE THE WAR.

WHAT?

I MET HIM AFTER THE BOMBS DROPPED, YEARS AGO NOW.

HE GAVE YOU AN ALIAS TO KEEP YOU FROM DISCOVERING HIS TRUE IDENTITY AND HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR.



WHERE IS HE NOW?



HE WAS MURDERED.

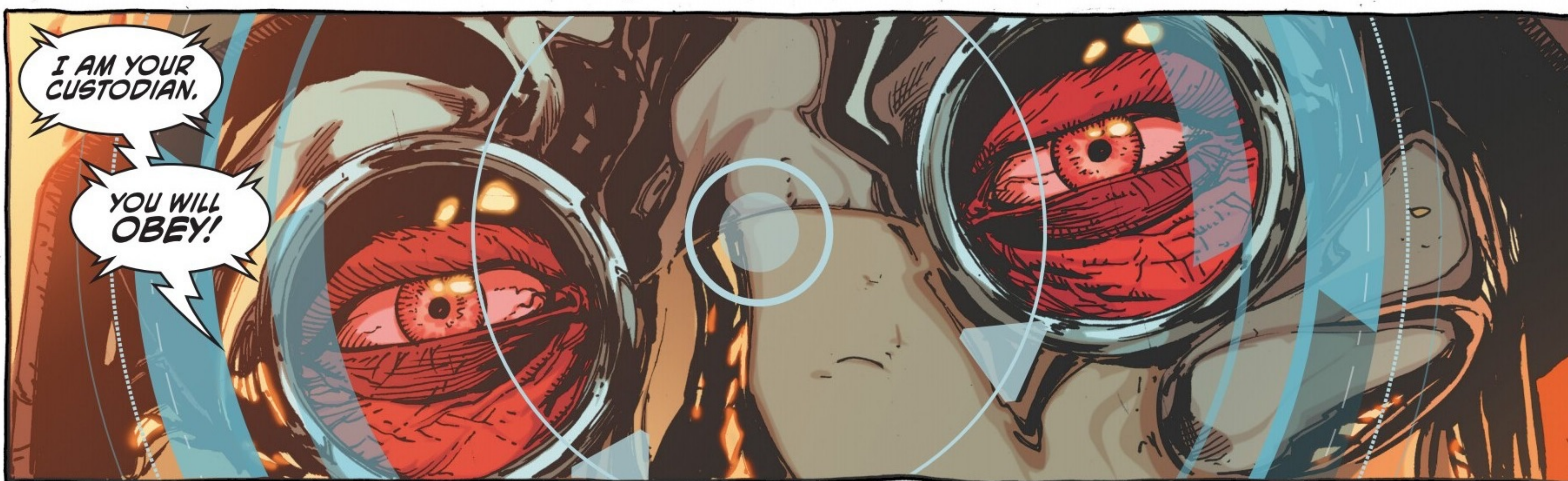
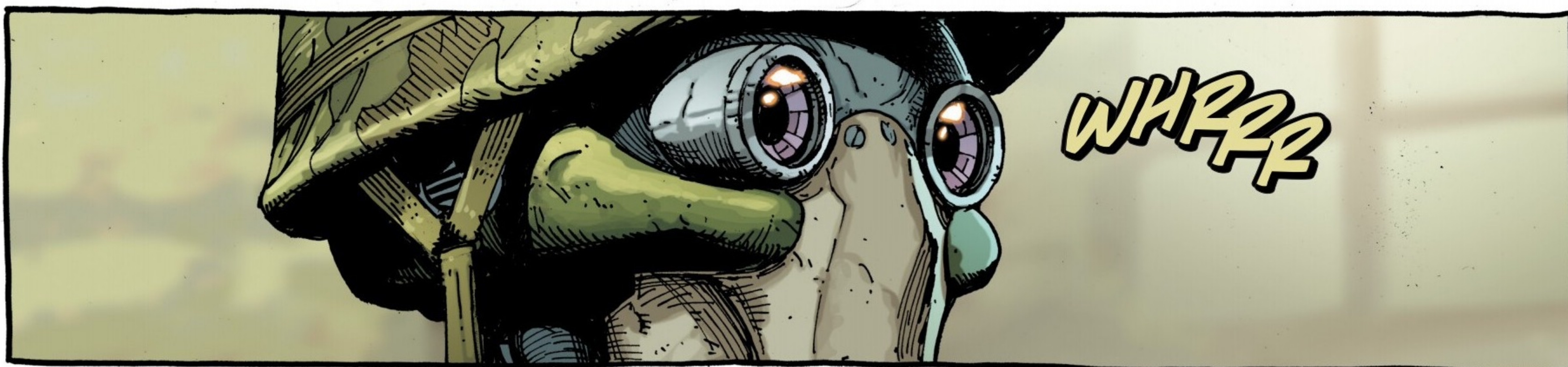


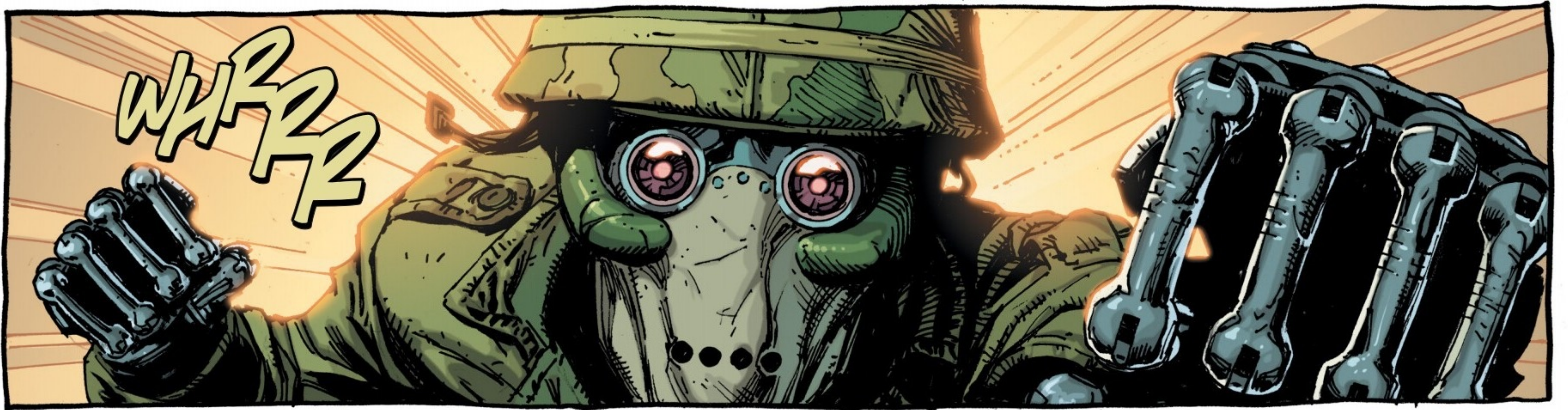
YOU'RE
WRONG,
TARIQ.

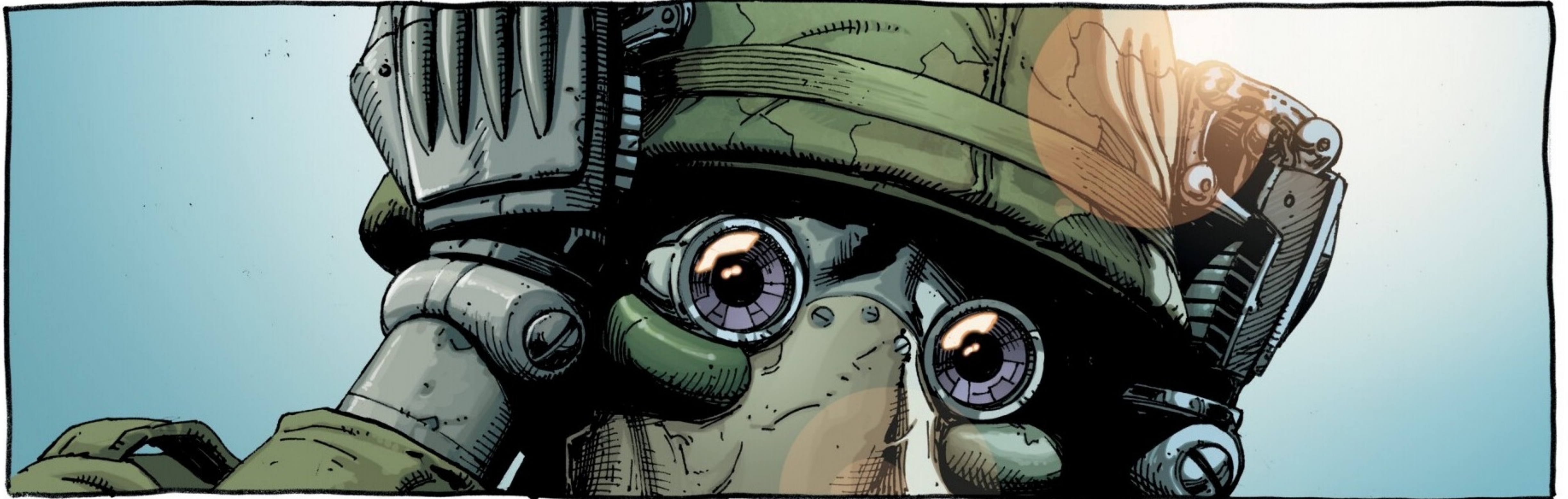
BORON RODS
OR NOT, I HAVE
COMPLETE CONTROL
OVER THE POISON
INSIDE US.

AND IF
YOU'RE WILLING
TO LEARN FROM ME,
YOU CAN HAVE IT,
TOO.











"WE ALL
NEED HELP."





WHAT DO WE DO?

EVERYONE KEEP AWAY FROM IT!

JARED?

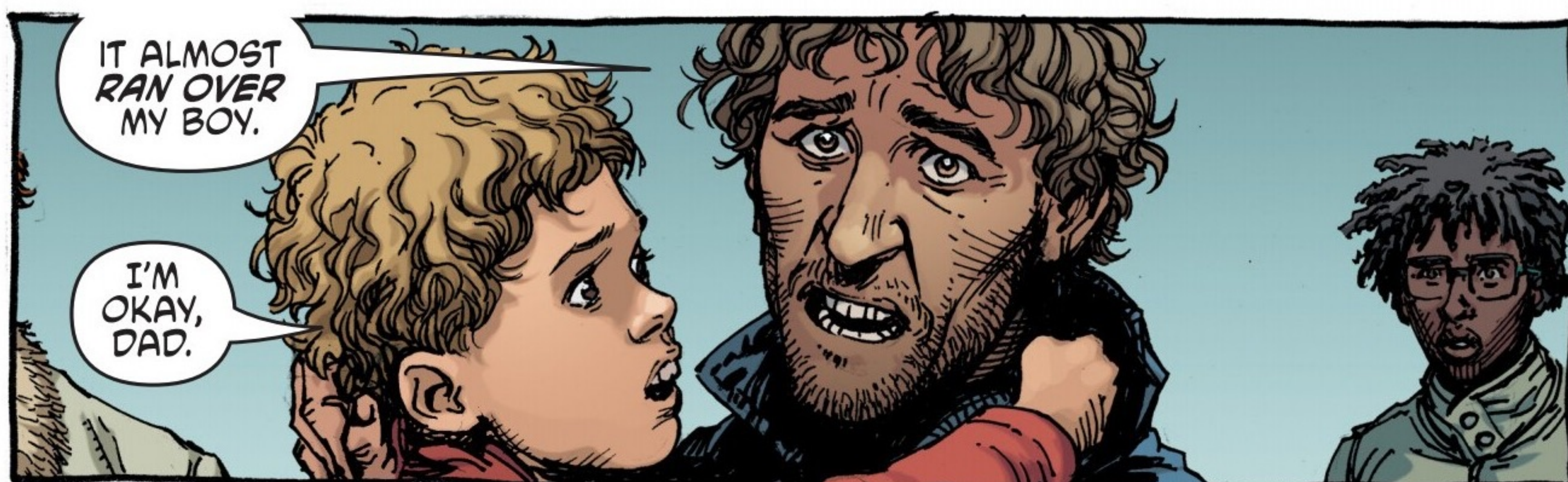


WHAT HAPPENED?



THAT *THING* JUST STOOD THERE, JUST STARING AT US... AND THEN IT *SNAPPED*.

IS ANYONE HURT?

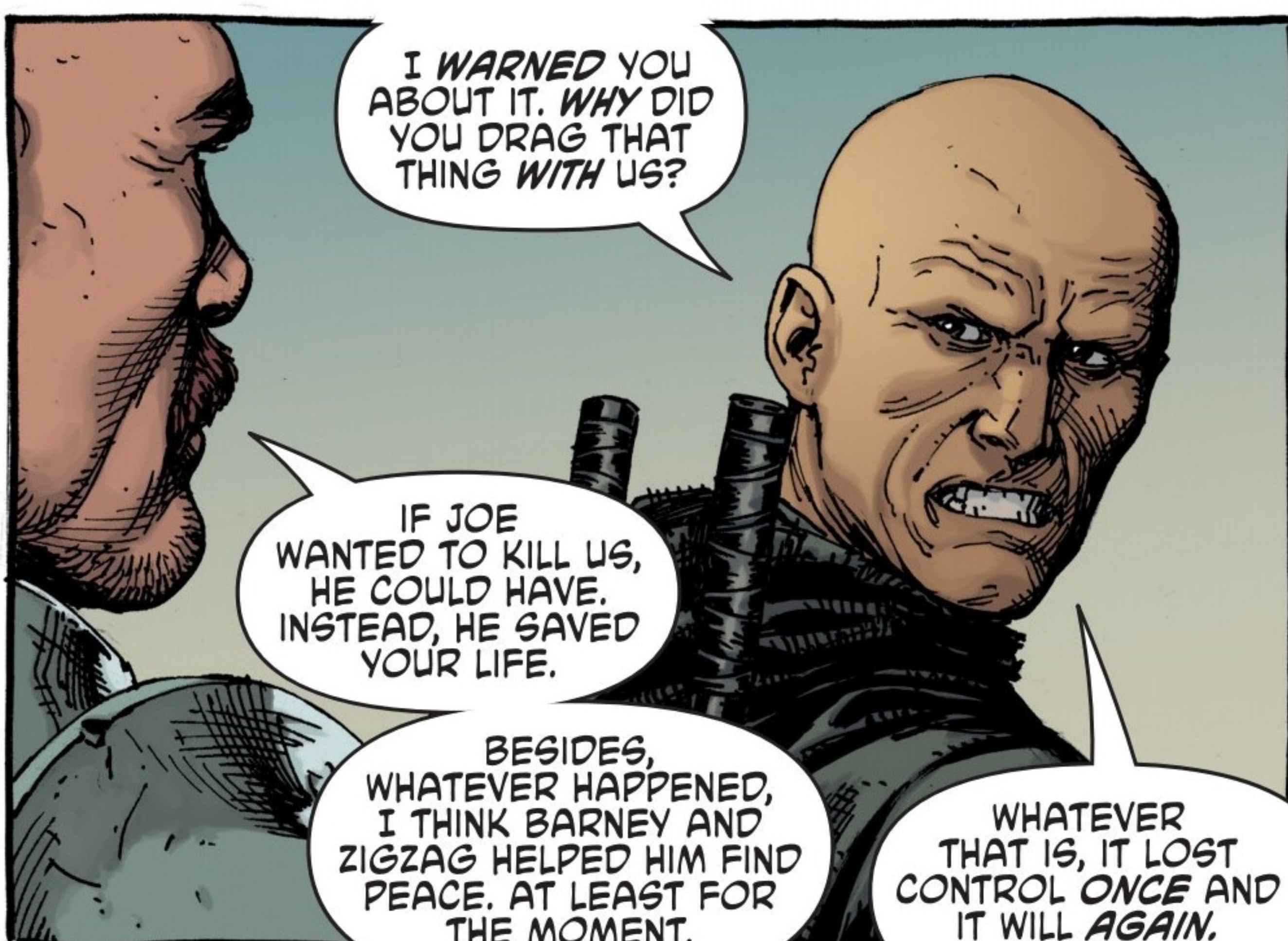


IT ALMOST RAN OVER MY BOY.

I'M OKAY, DAD.



IT ALMOST HURT A KID, NATE.



I WARNED YOU ABOUT IT. WHY DID YOU DRAG THAT THING WITH US?

IF JOE WANTED TO KILL US, HE COULD HAVE. INSTEAD, HE SAVED YOUR LIFE.

BESIDES, WHATEVER HAPPENED, I THINK BARNEY AND ZIGZAG HELPED HIM FIND PEACE. AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

WHATEVER THAT IS, IT LOST CONTROL *ONCE* AND IT WILL *AGAIN*.



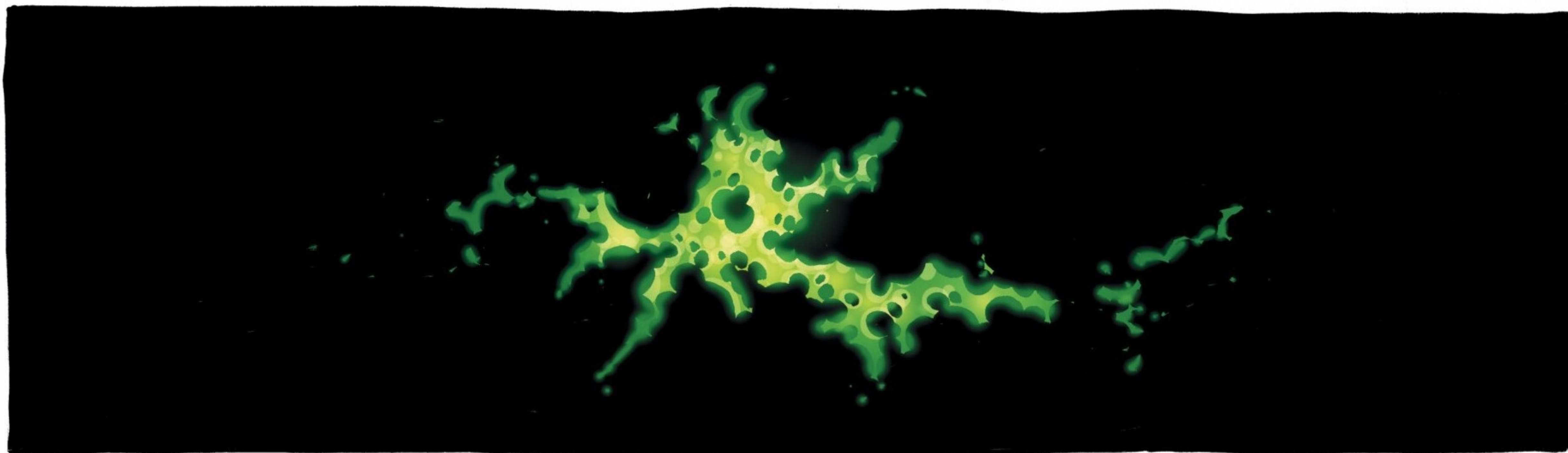
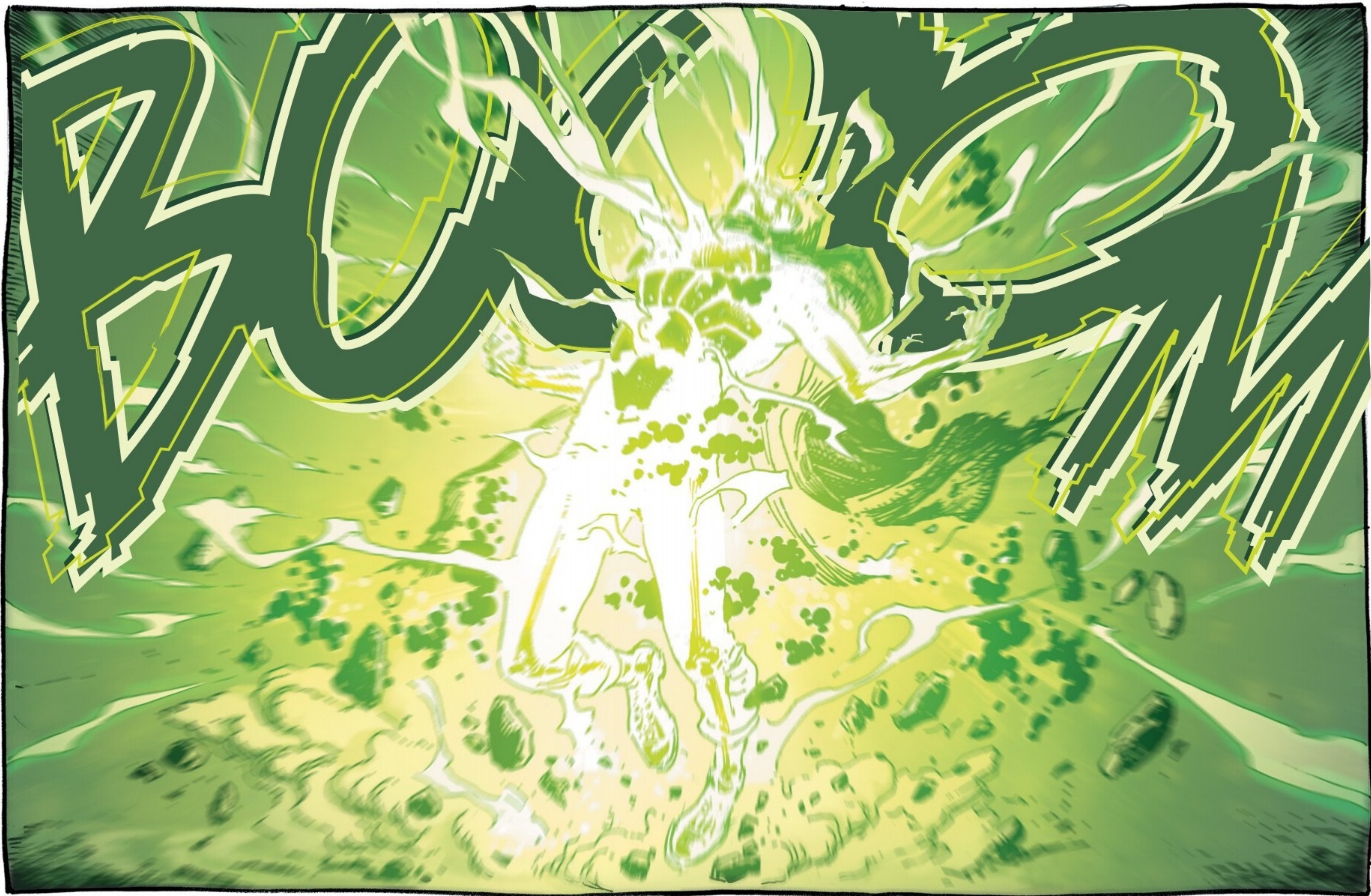
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WHEN WILL YOU LOSE CONTROL AGAIN?



GOODBYE, NATE.













CHAPTER TWELVE





WAS THERE
EVER A TIME YOU
COULD SUPPRESS THE
RADIATION WITHOUT
THE RODS?



ONCE.

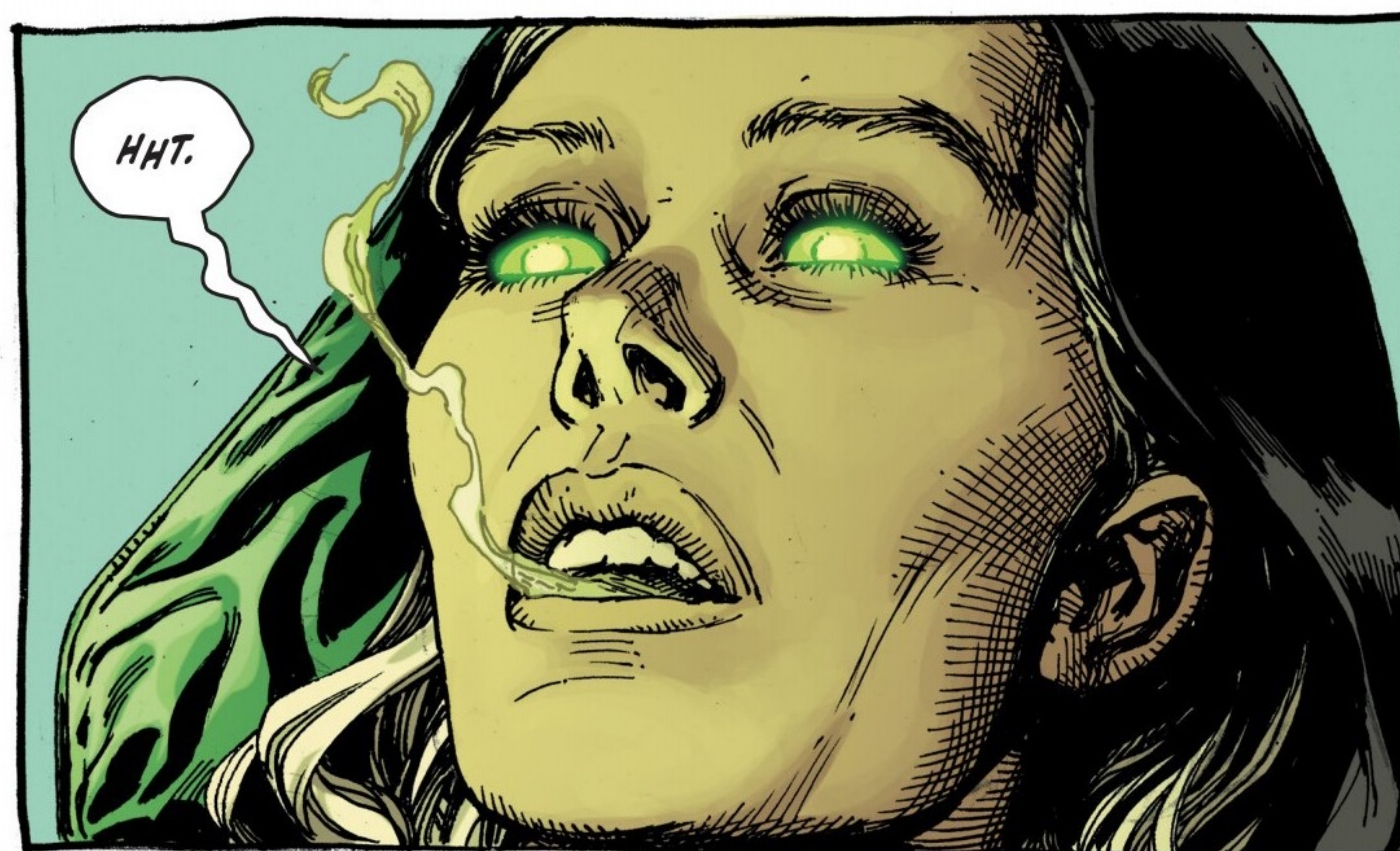
"YOU
WON'T
HURT US.

"WE'RE
LIKE A
FAMILY
NOW."

WE'RE
HERE FOR
YOU, TOO.



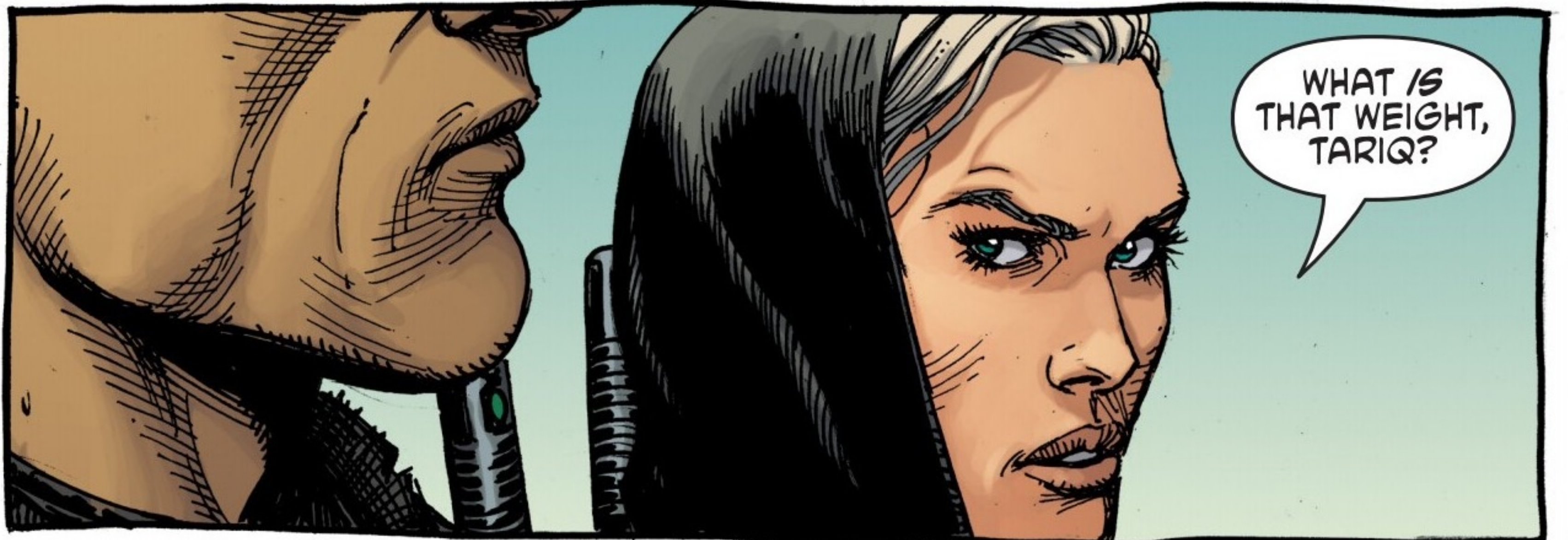








THE WEIGHT YOU CARRY, IT CONTROLS YOU. UNTIL YOU LET IT GO, IT ALWAYS WILL.



WHAT IS THAT WEIGHT, TARIQ?



THE WAR TOOK MY FAMILY.



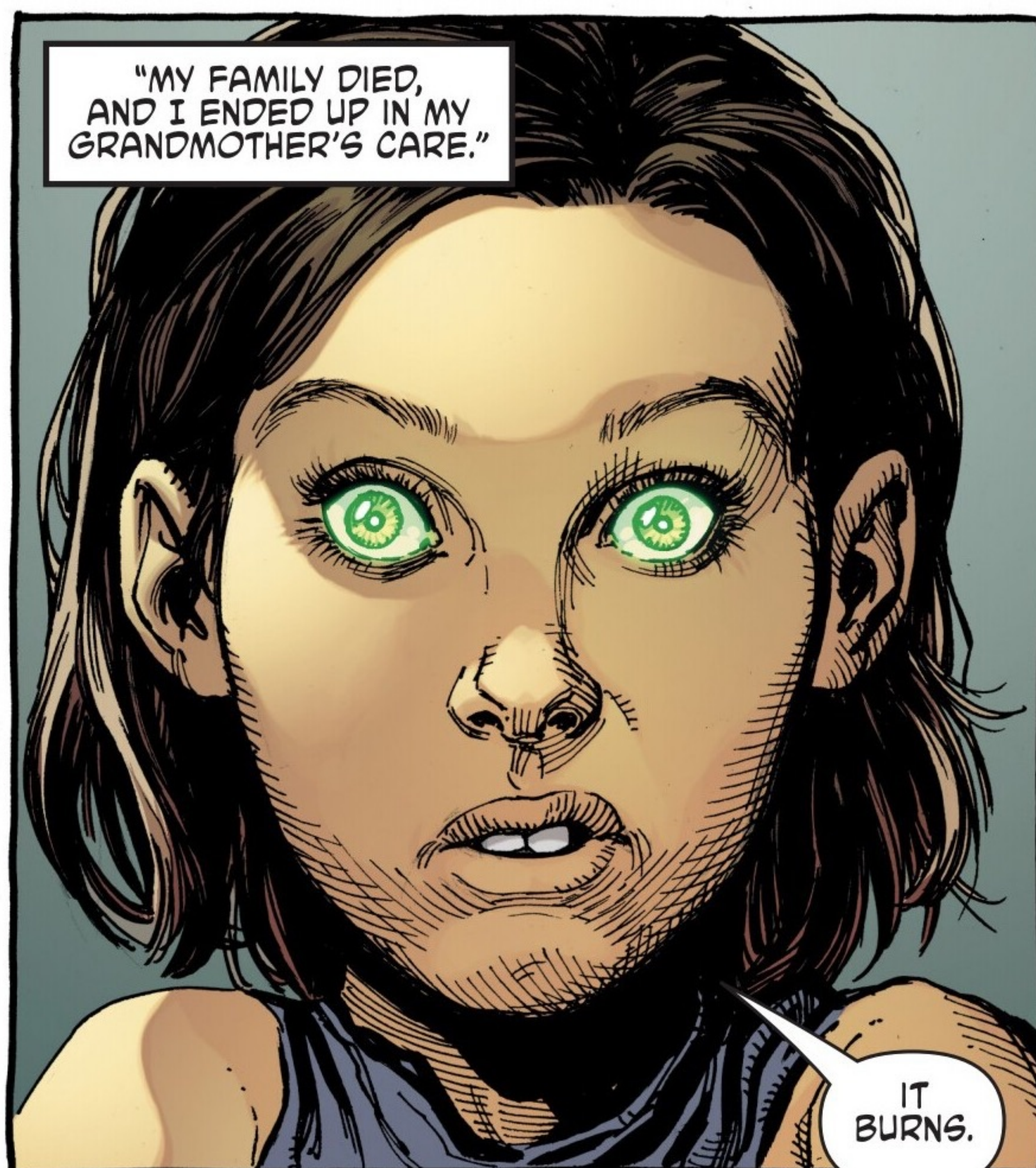
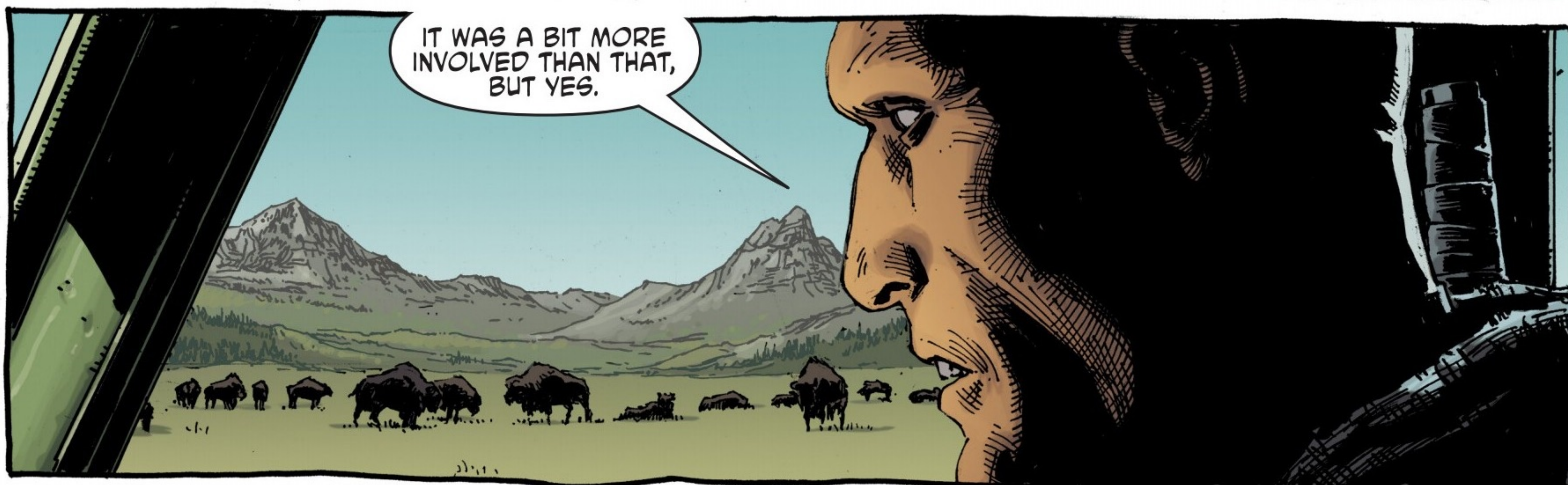
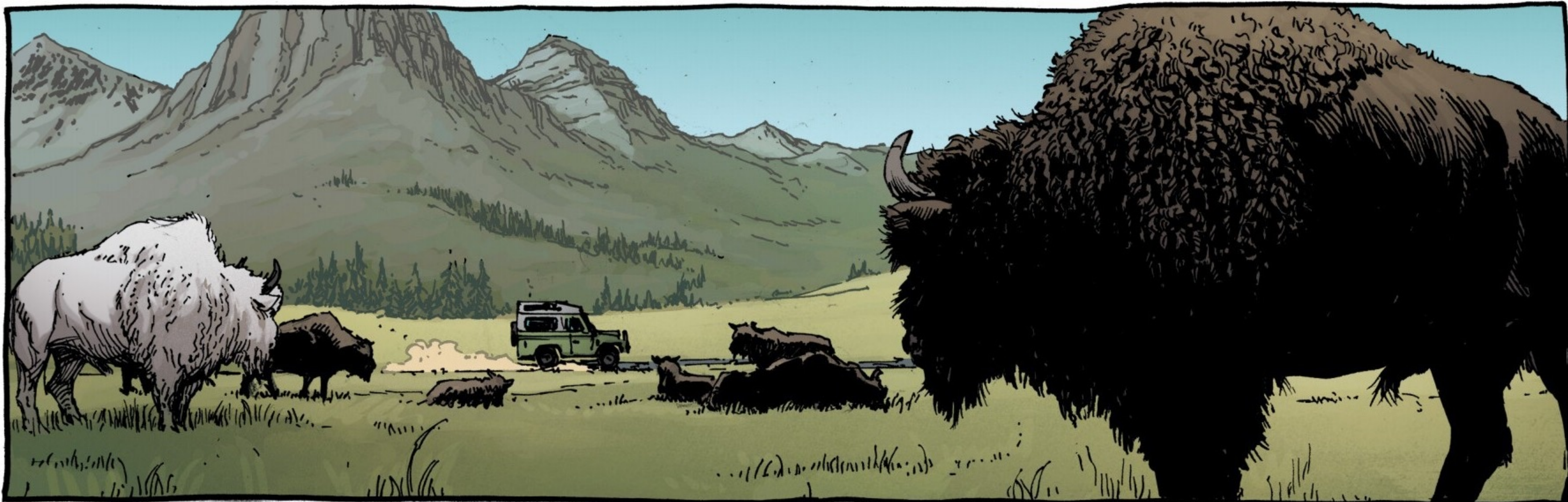
THE WAR WAS A LONG TIME AGO.

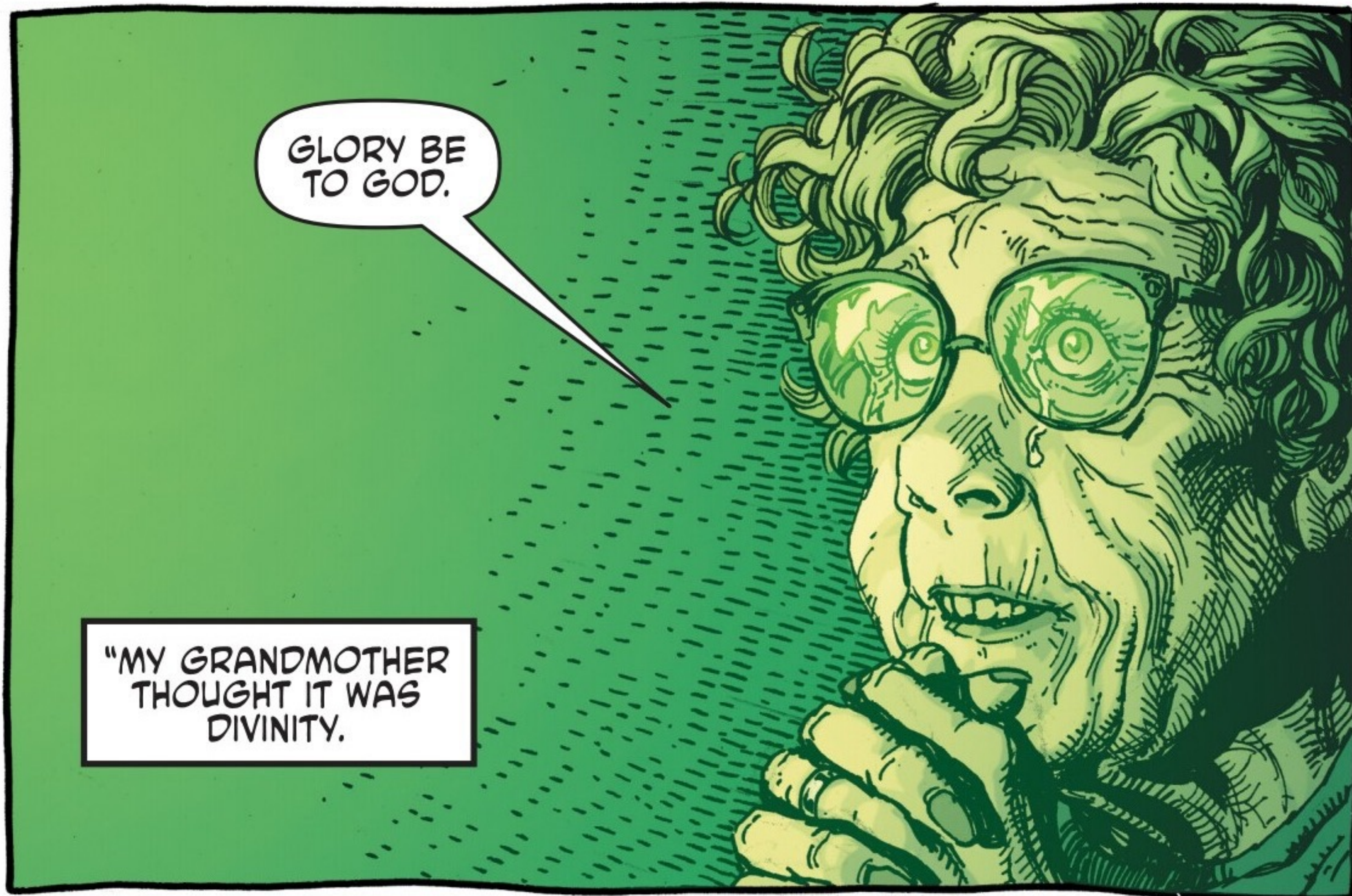


LET'S GO FIND THE PEOPLE WHO MURDERED DOCTOR MOLOTOV.

I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO PUSH THROUGH YOUR ANGER, TO FIND PEACE.

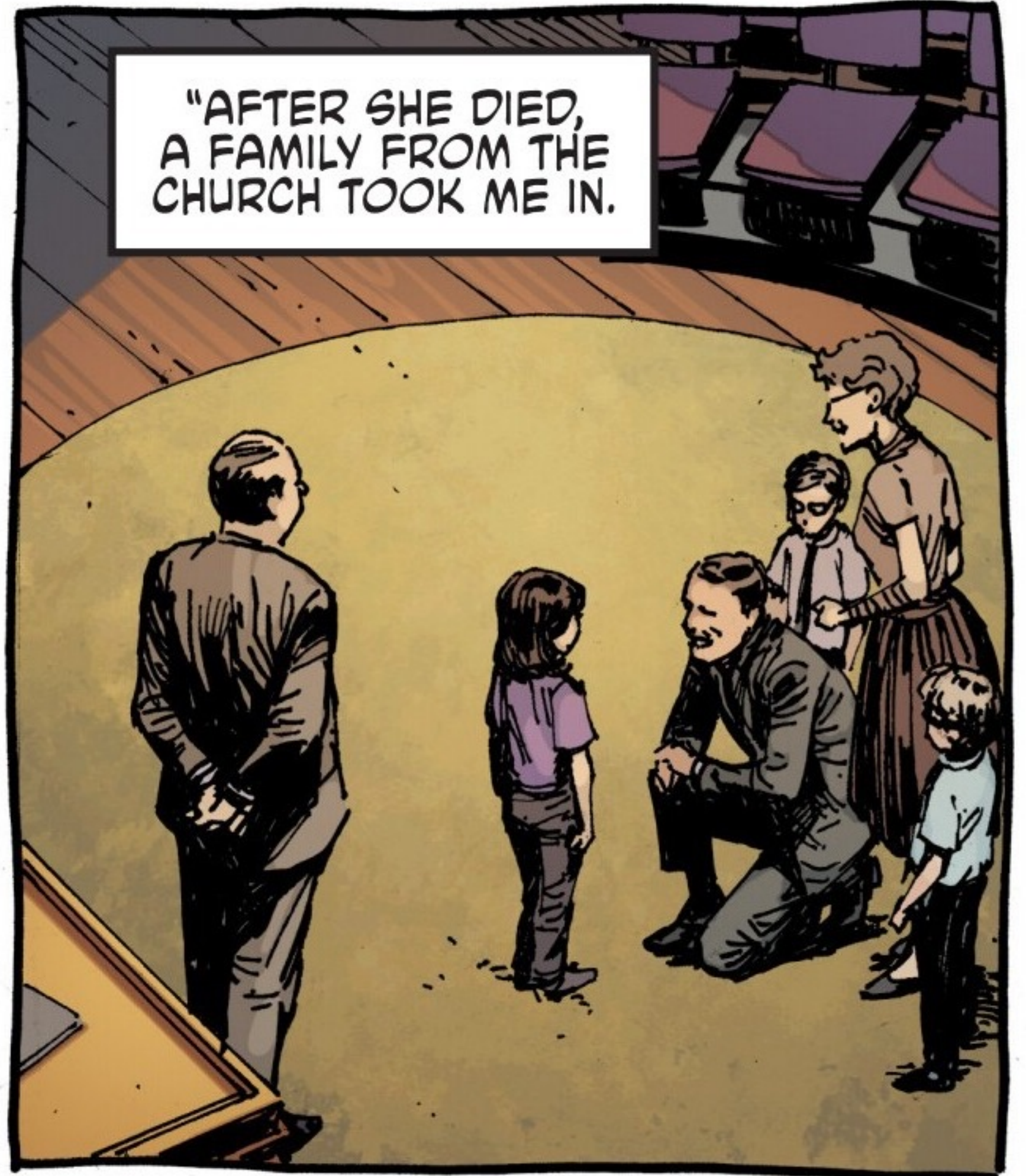
PEACE...IS EVERYTHING.





GLORY BE
TO GOD.

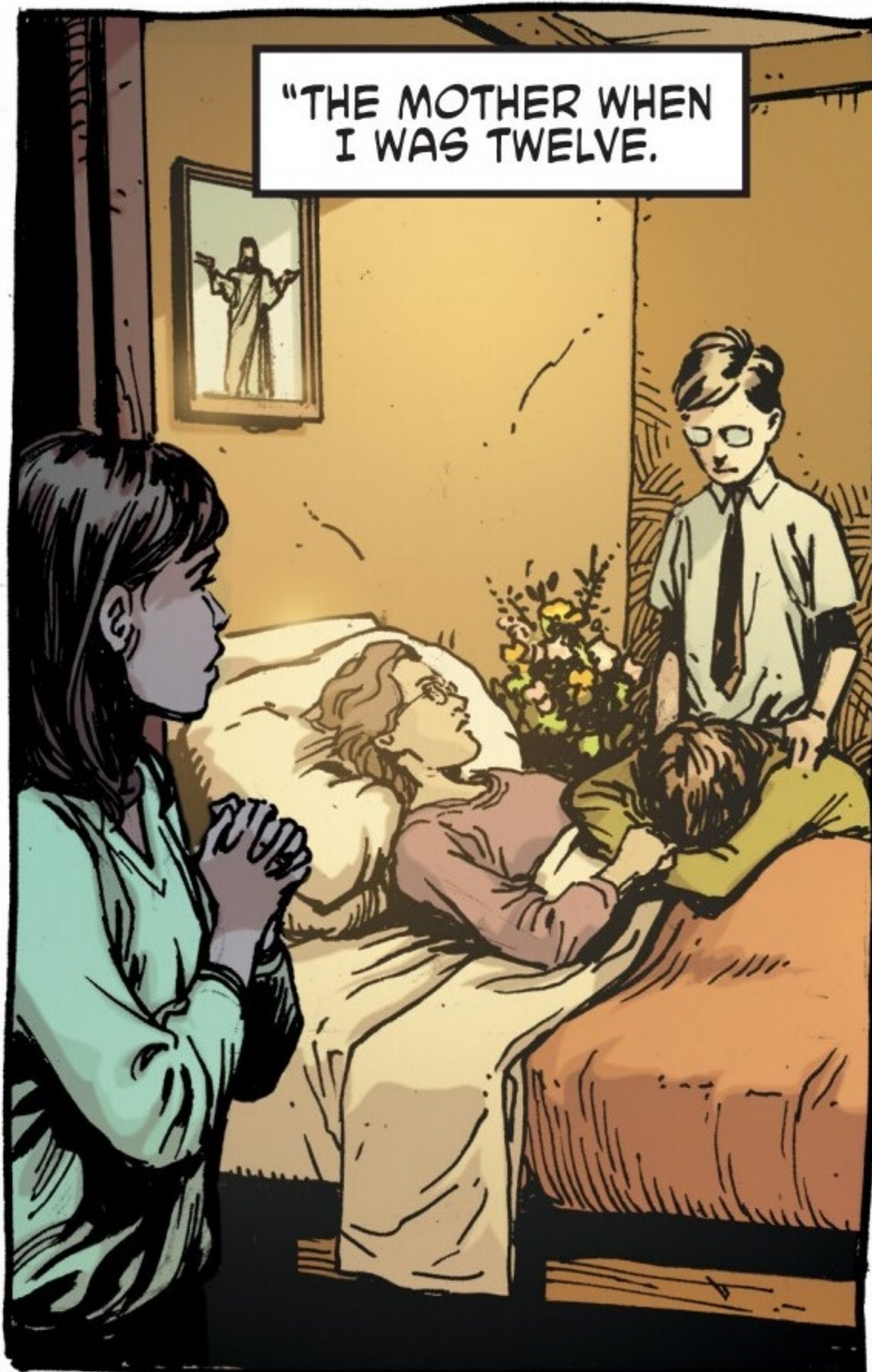
"MY GRANDMOTHER
THOUGHT IT WAS
DIVINITY.



"AFTER SHE DIED,
A FAMILY FROM THE
CHURCH TOOK ME IN.



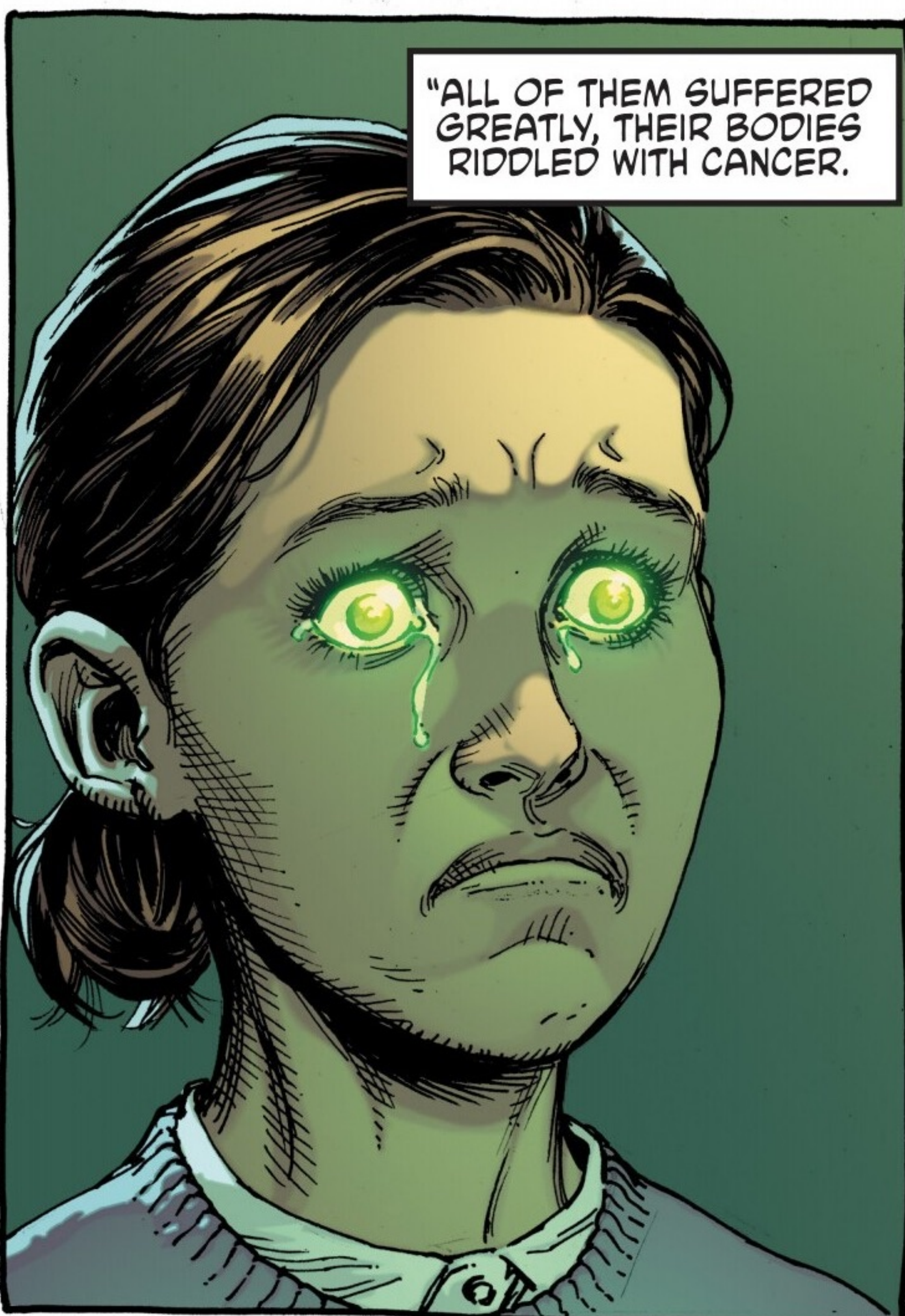
"THE FATHER FELL
ILL AND DIED WHEN
I WAS TEN.



"THE MOTHER WHEN
I WAS TWELVE.



"THEIR CHILDREN,
ONE AFTER THE OTHER,
A YEAR LATER.



"ALL OF THEM SUFFERED
GREATLY, THEIR BODIES
RIDDLED WITH CANCER.



"I WAS THIRTEEN WHEN
THE LIGHT CAME BACK, BUT
THIS TIME PEOPLE REALIZED...
IT WAS NEVER DIVINITY.

"IT WAS
RADIOACTIVITY.

"AND IT WAS
DANGEROUS."



"I WAS FORCED
TO RUN AWAY.

FLICKERING OUT THERE
IN THE NIGHT, I WAS OFTEN
MISTAKEN FOR YOU...
THE GLOWING MAN.

I WAS **HUNTED**.
BLAMED FOR YOUR
ACTIONS.

YOU'VE
KILLED A LOT
OF PEOPLE.

I KILLED
TO PROTECT
WHAT I THOUGHT
I STILL HAD.

Hm. THAT'S
NOT WHAT I
HEAR.

ANYWAY, TEN YEARS AGO,
LOST IN THE DESERT,
I MET PETROV, OR...
MOLOTOV.

WHATEVER
HIS NAME
REALLY
WAS.



I NEVER
QUESTIONED
HOW QUICKLY HE
CONCEIVED OF
MY **VEST** AND
THE **RODS**.

I NEVER
IMAGINED HE'D
MADE THEM
BEFORE.

FOR YOU.



STILL, EVEN AS THE LIGHT
DIMMED BECAUSE OF
THEM, I FELT LIKE...

...LIKE I WAS GOING
TO **EXPLODE** AT ANY
SECOND...



I
KNOW THAT
FEELING.



...BUT **CONTROL**
WAS NOT FOUND
WITH **BORON**
RODS.

I HAD TO ACCEPT
A **HORRIBLE TRUTH**, THAT
I KILLED EVERYONE WHO
EVER GOT CLOSE TO ME.

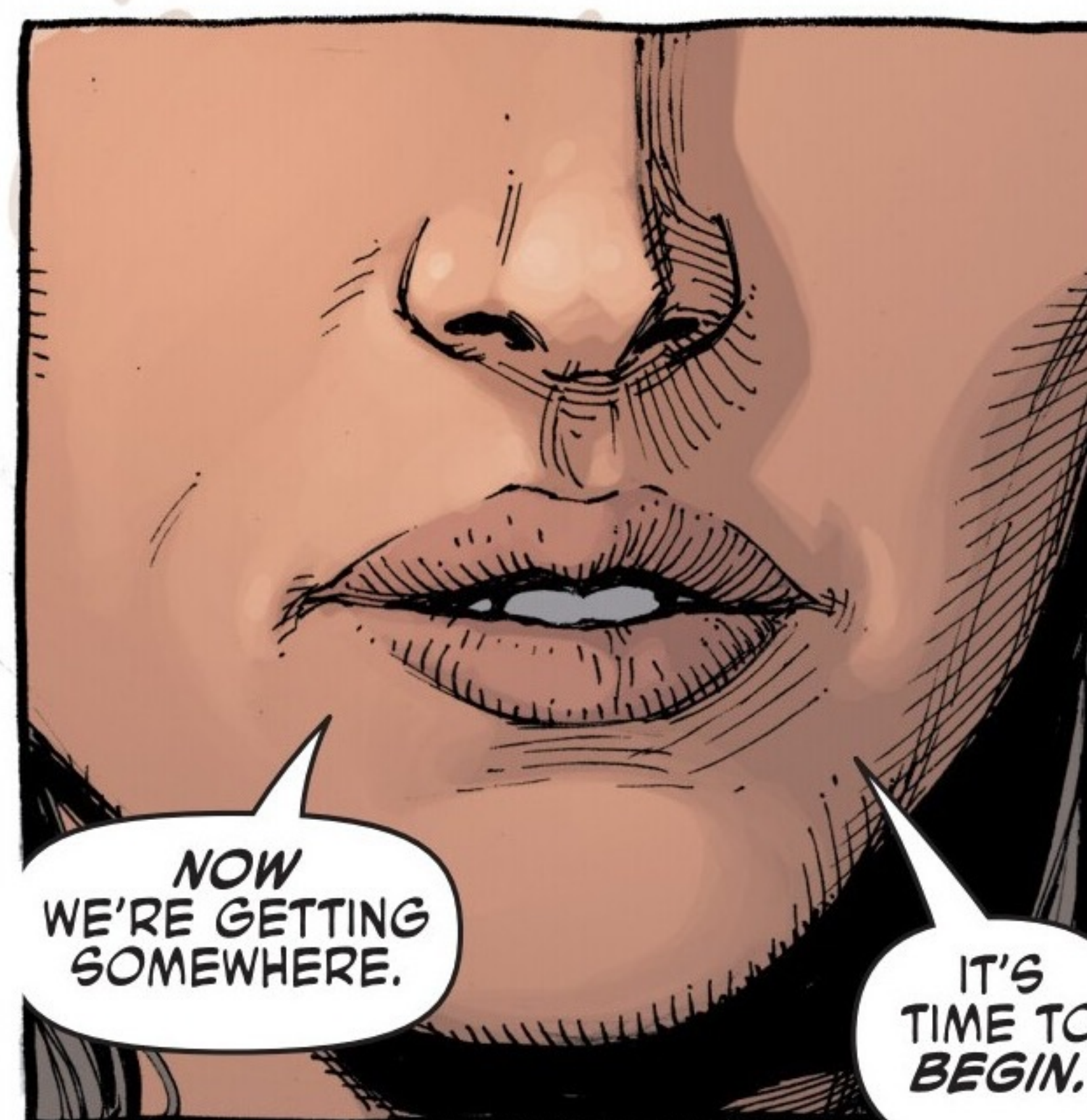
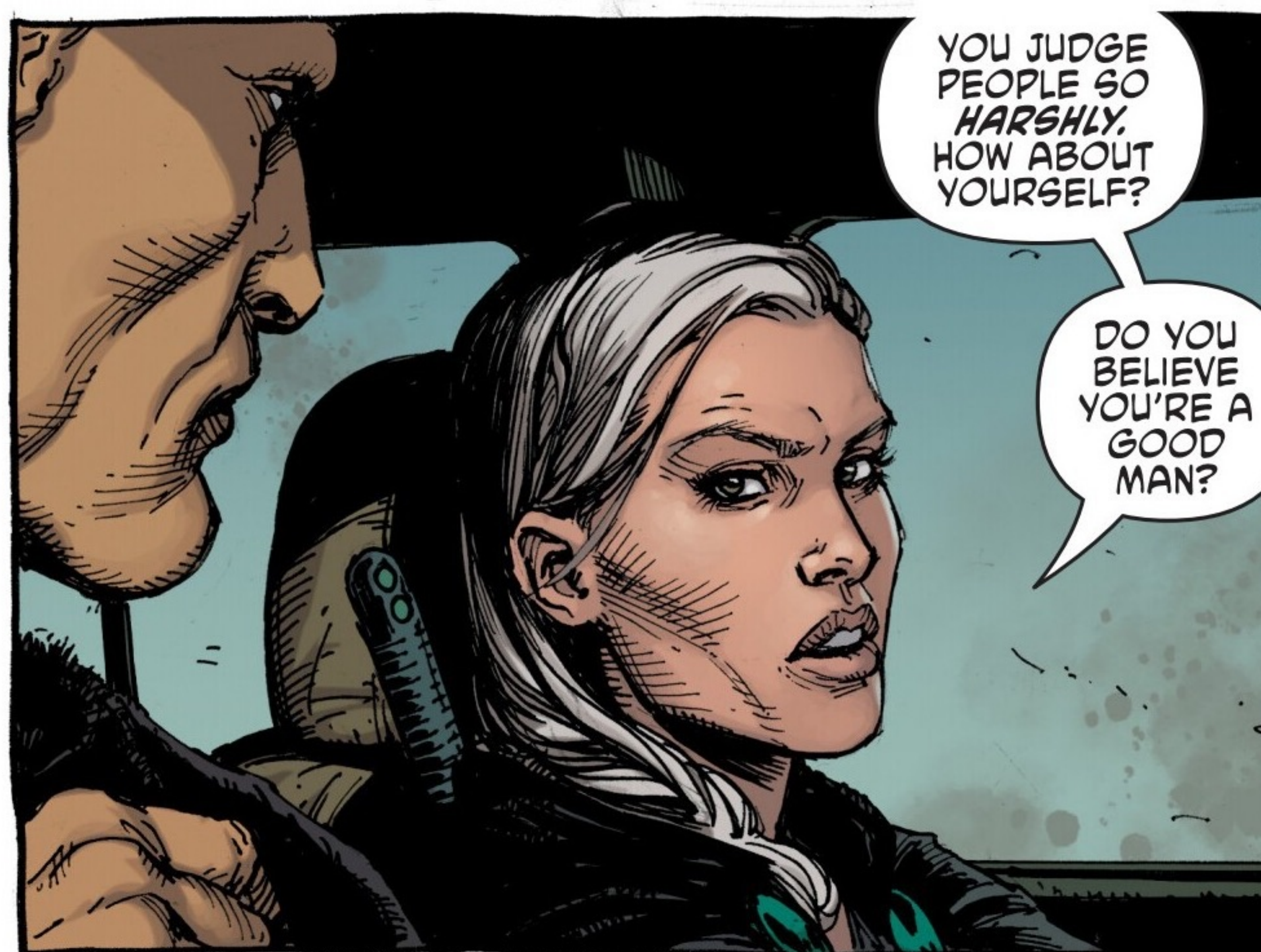
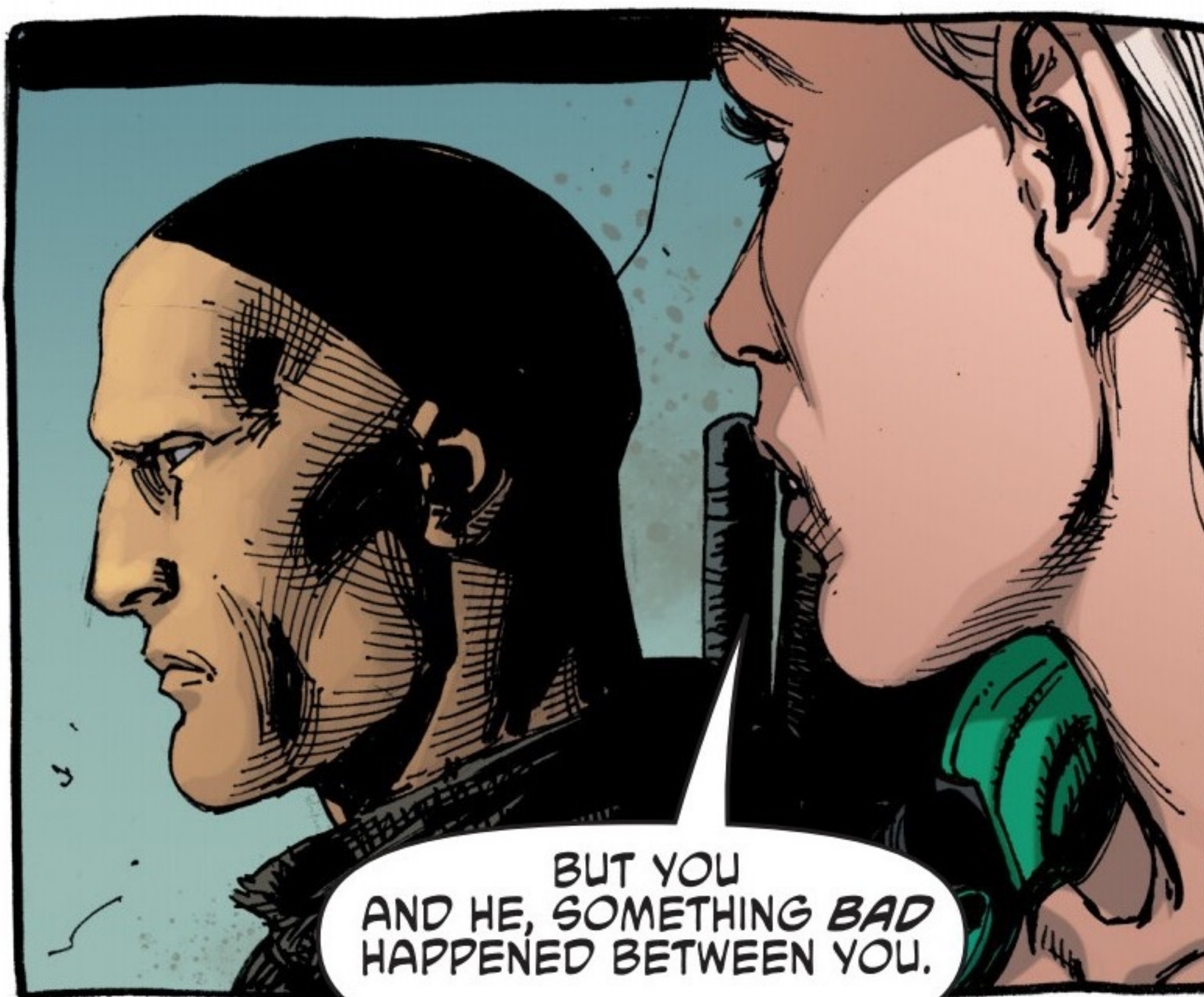


IN THAT
MOMENT OF
CLARITY, I...

I THOUGHT
I WANTED
TO DIE.



BUT
DOCTOR
MOLOTOV
HELPED ME
LEARN HOW
TO LIVE.





"THEY'RE CALLED
THE HILLBORN."



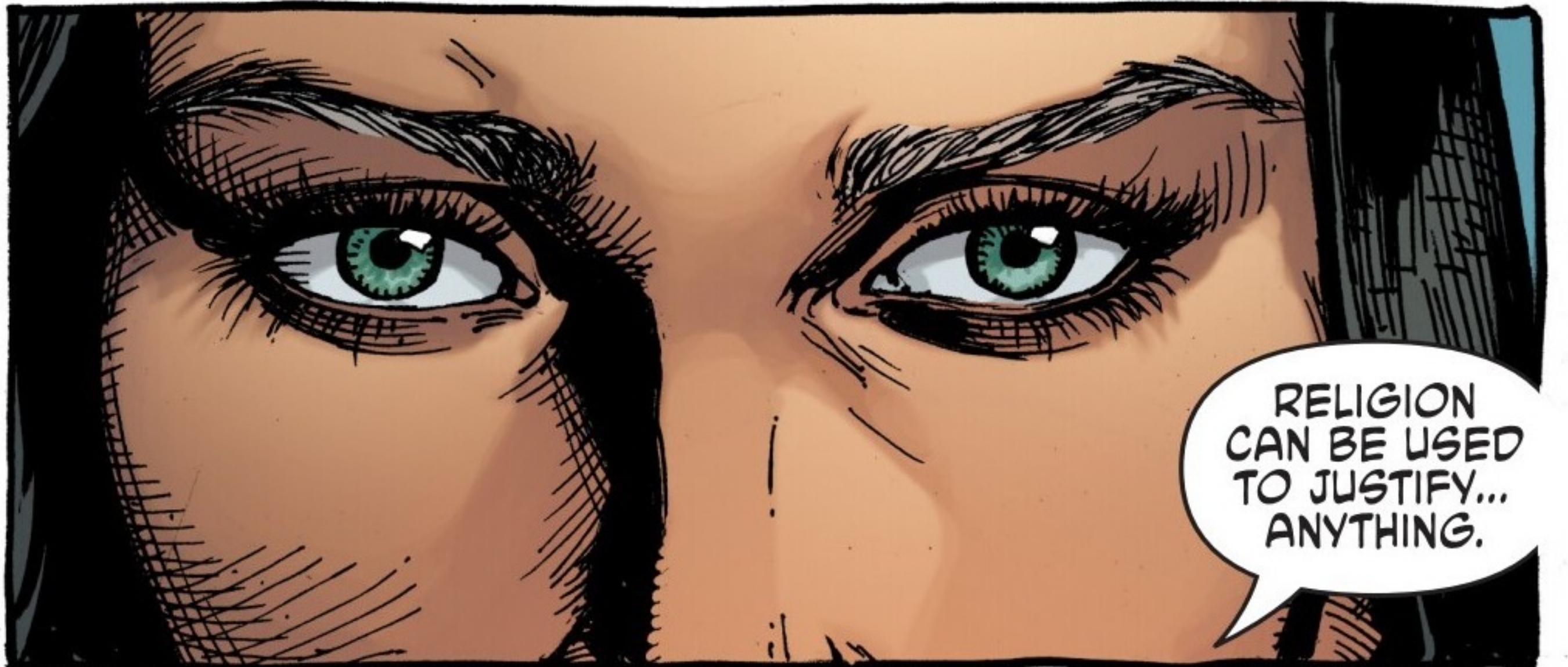
THEY'RE A LOOSE COLLECTION
OF SURVIVORS WHO LIVE IN
THESE IRRADIATED HILLS...
AND THRIVE ON FEAR.

SO, WHAT
ARE THEY THIS TIME?
CANNIBALS? NIHILISTIC
SCAVENGERS? OR JUST
THE USUAL POST-WAR
CRIMINALS?

WORSE
THAN ALL THE
ABOVE.

THEY'RE THE
LAST SURVIVING MEMBERS
OF A DOOMSDAY CULT,
WARNING ABOUT THE
END OF TIMES, AND THEY
THINK THEY WON.

THESE
INBREDS BELIEVE
GOD LEFT THEM
TO INHERIT THE
EARTH.



RELIGION
CAN BE USED
TO JUSTIFY...
ANYTHING.



...AND
MOLOTOV?



THEY TORTURED HIM
BEFORE THEY PUT
HIM UP ON A CRUCIFIX
FOR EVERYONE
TO SEE.



LET'S GO.

MOLOTOV
DESERVES
JUSTICE.



STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

YOU'RE
TRESPASSING.



NO ONE
COMES HERE
UNINVITED.



THEY'RE ARMED.
WE SHOULDN'T
WASTE TIME.

STAY CALM,
TARIQ. WE'RE
NOT HERE TO
FIGHT YET.



AH! I TOLD MY FLOCK
TO EXPECT VISITORS. A PAIR
OF *GLOWING SINNERS*
WASN'T WHAT I HAD
IN MIND.

YES.
I KNOW WHO
YOU *BOTH*
ARE.

I AM JONAS HILLBORN,
OF WHICH I AM SURE
YOU'RE AWARE.

WHY HAVE
YOU COME
HERE? WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



YOU TORTURED AND
MURDERED A MAN WHO
WAS IMPORTANT TO ME.
WE'RE HERE TO HOLD
YOU ACCOUNTABLE.

TURN
THE *MEN*
WHO DID
IT OVER
TO US.



I HAVE NO IDEA WHO
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT,
THOUGH WE COULD
VERY WELL HAVE
DONE THAT.

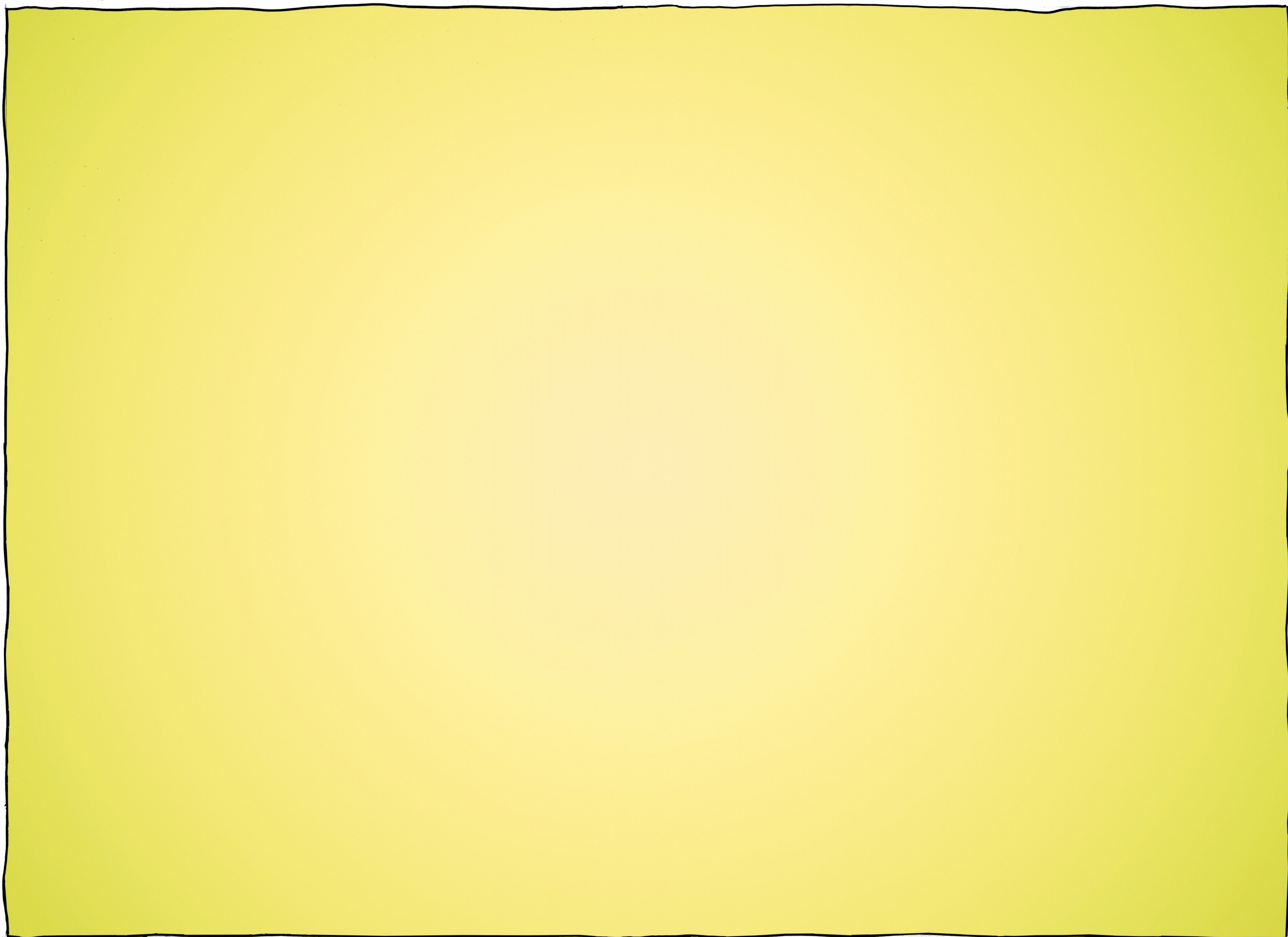
BUT HOLDING US
ACCOUNTABLE?

WE'RE
GOD'S
CHOSEN.

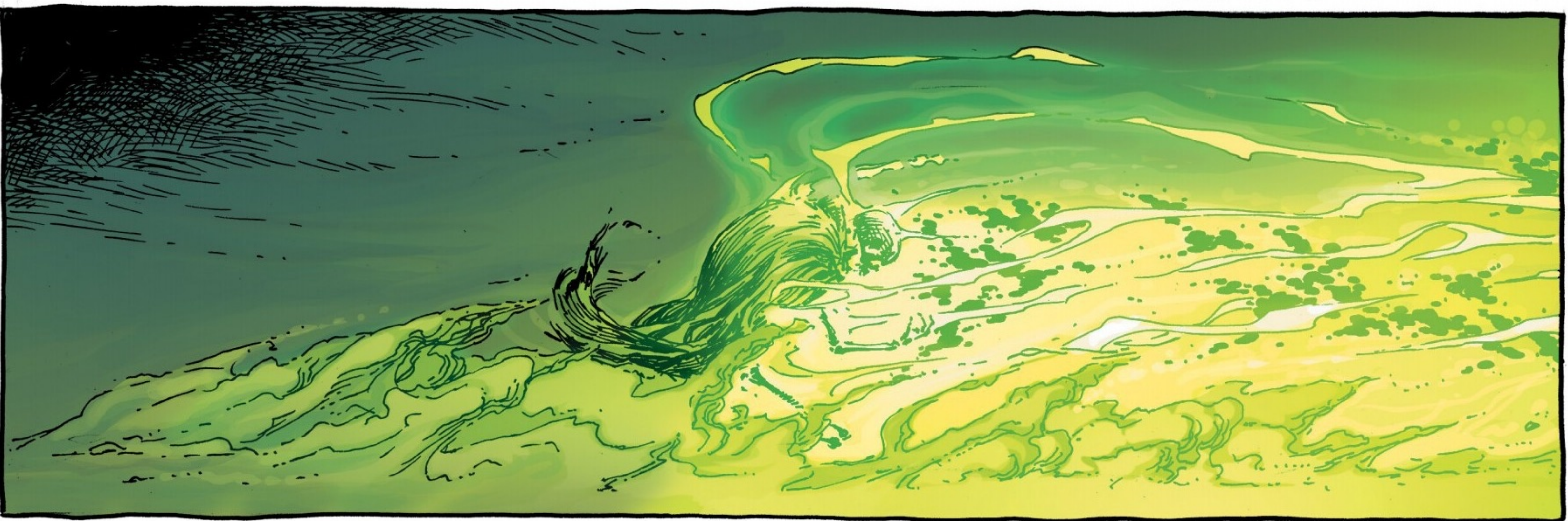
BRING
THEM BOTH TO
THE ALTAR.





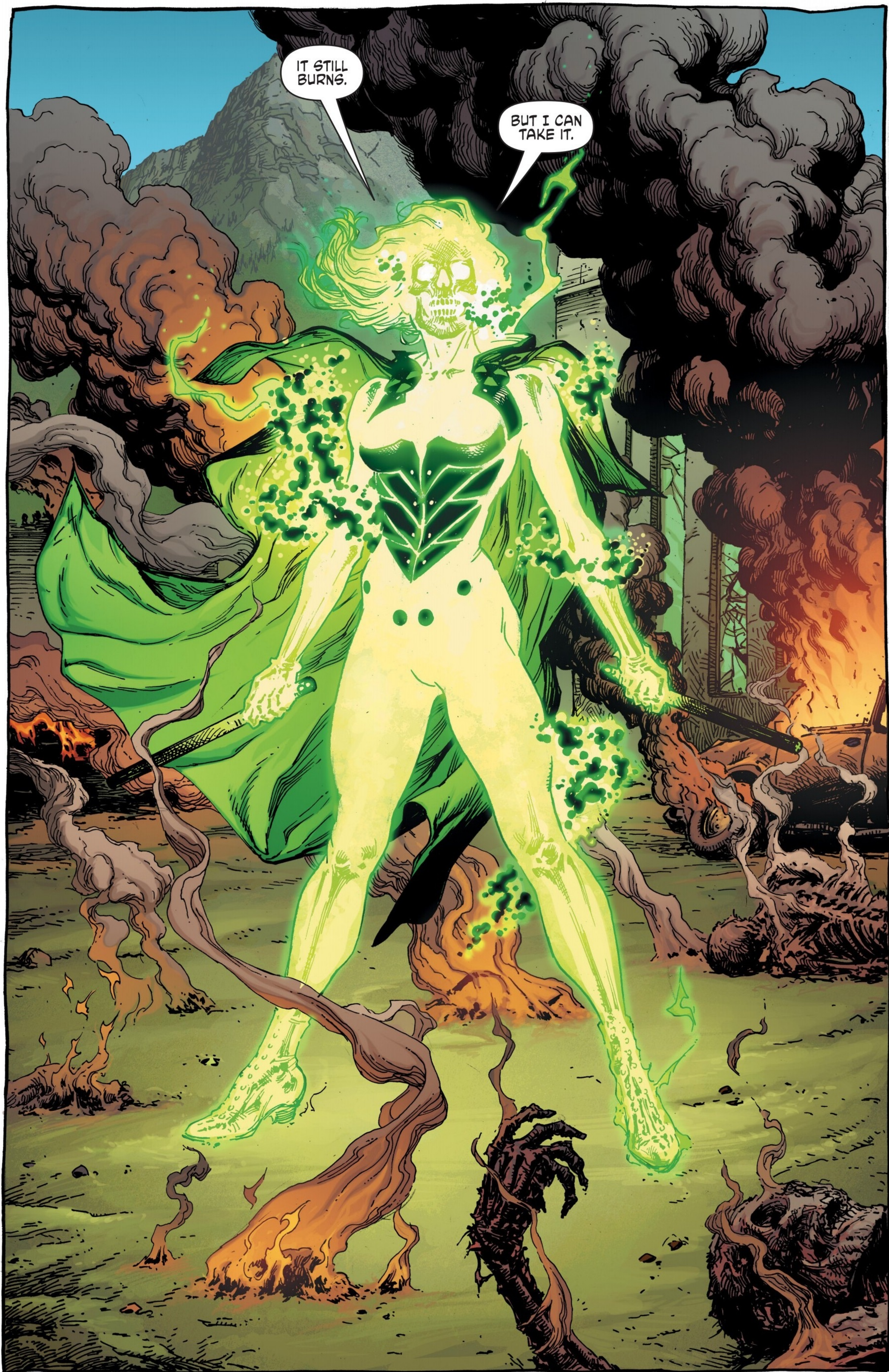






IT STILL
BURNS.

BUT I CAN
TAKE IT.





THE HILLBORN
WERE ALL
DESERVING,
BUT IF WE HAD
BEEN NEAR
INNOCENTS...

YOU
NEED TO BE
CENTERED.

I'M ASKING
YOU TO BE
SOMETHING YOU
CAN *BECOME*.

NONE OF US ARE PERFECT,
TARIQ. NOT *MOLOTOV*, NOT *ME*,
AND NOT *YOU*. BUT PERFECTION
ISN'T THE POINT.

YOU
AND I AREN'T
LOST CAUSES,
EITHER.

YOU'RE
ASKING ME TO
BE SOMETHING
I'M NOT.



IF YOU BELIEVE
THAT TOO, DON'T
GIVE UP.

WE'LL JUST KEEP THE TRAINING
FAR FROM LEWISTOWN. I THINK
THEY'VE SEEN ENOUGH
FIREWORKS TO LAST
A LIFETIME.

STAY.



WHAT
DO YOU
SAY?



OKAY...



OKAY! SEE, THAT'S
THE *FIRST STEP*, TARIQ.
LEARNING TO BELIEVE IN
YOURSELF AGAIN.

WE'LL
CONTINUE
TOMORROW.



"THERE'S STILL
SO MUCH MORE FOR
YOU TO *DISCOVER*."





LET ME
OUT!



LET ME
OUT OF
HERE!



YOU HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
IS HAPPENING
TO YOU.

WHAT THESE
CHANGES TRULY
MEAN AND THE
RISK--

OF COURSE
I DO. THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE DOWN
HERE.

WORKING
FOR ME.



OH,
AND I RAN INTO
SOMEONE WHO
KNOWS YOU...

...DOCTOR
MOLOTOV.







CHAPTER THIRTEEN



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SHE
WENT THIS
WAY!



WHAT ARE
WE GONNA
DO?

SHE BURNS
EVERYTHING SHE
TOUCHES, LET'S
SEE HOW SHE
LIKES IT.



FIND
HER!

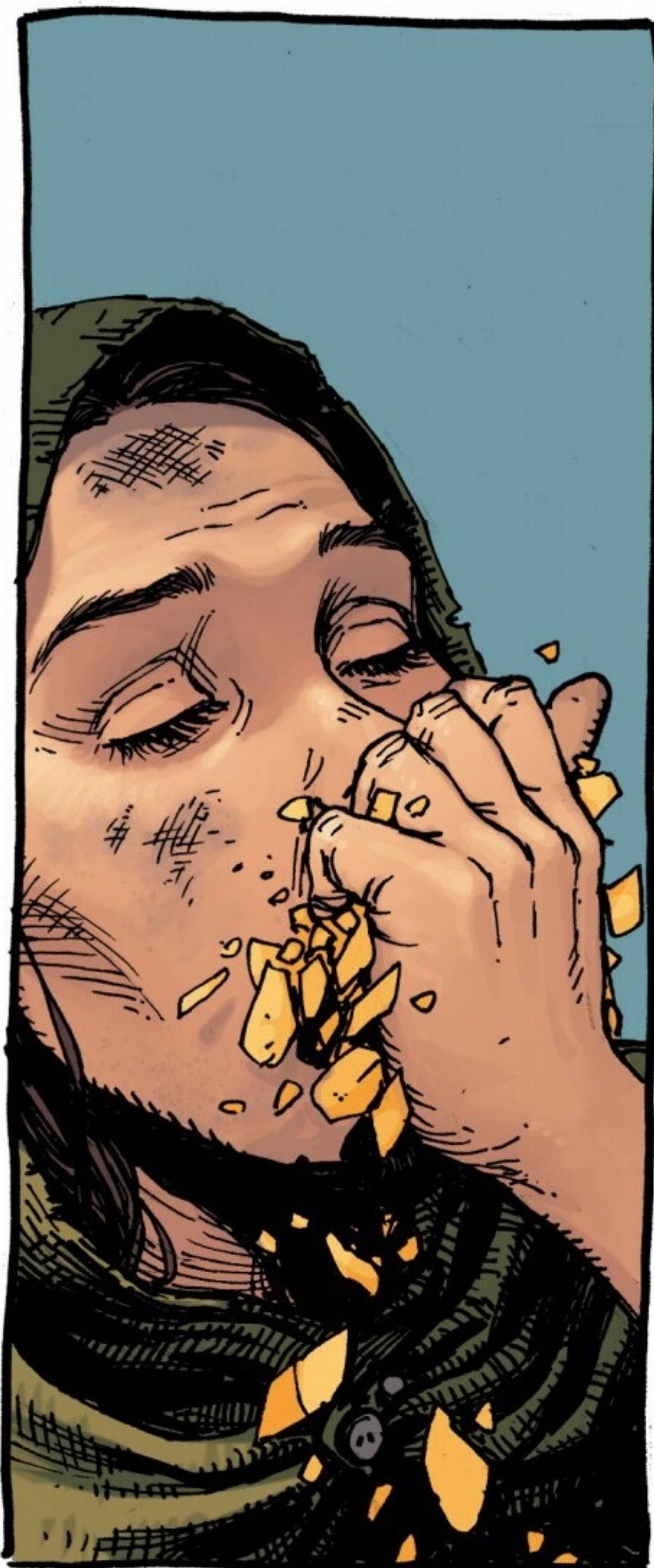


FIND THE
WITCH!



WE'RE COMING
FOR YOU,
ASHLEY!





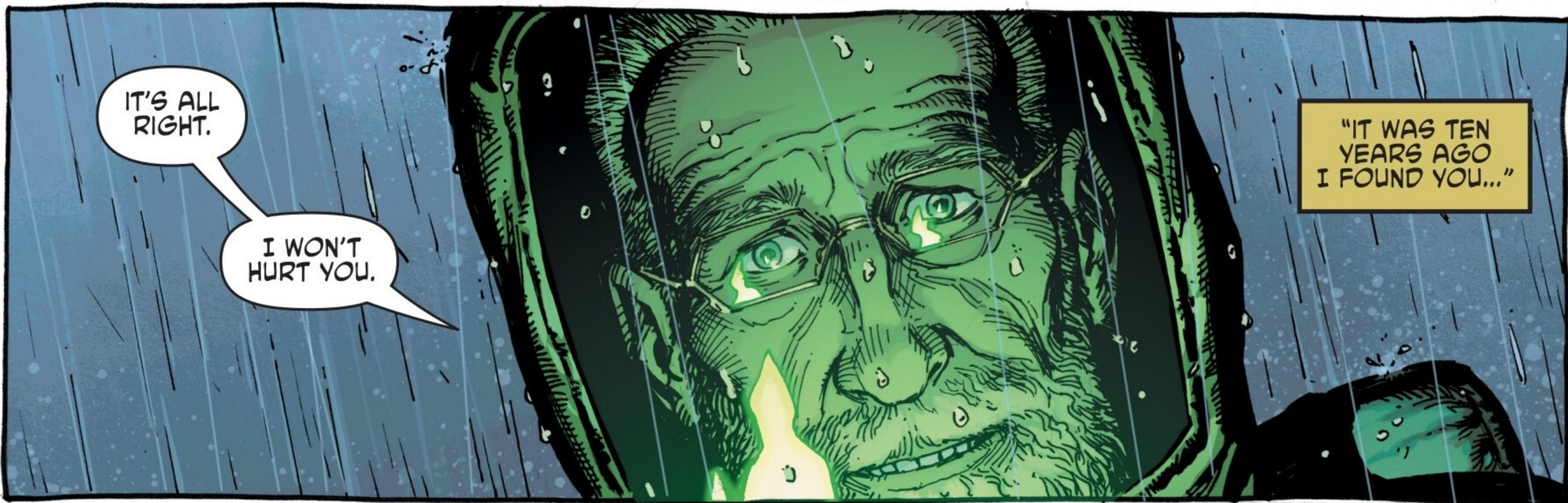




OH.

YOU'RE NOT HIM.

HELLO.



IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I WON'T HURT YOU.

"IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO I FOUND YOU..."



...I HAVE SPENT EVERY DAY SINCE TRYING TO *HELP* YOU, ASHLEY.

AND RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED MY HELP MORE THAN EVER.



TARIQ GEIGER ISN'T WHO YOU THINK HE IS. HE'S A *DANGER* TO ALL OF US.

HE IS A *MONSTER* THAT YOU *CANNOT* CONTROL--

YOU'RE THE MONSTER, DR. MOLOTOV.

YOU BUILT THE BOMBS. YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WAR.



PLEASE, LISTEN. YOU...

...YOU ARE LIKE A *DAUGHTER* TO ME, ASHLEY--

YOU'RE A *LIAR!*



YOU'RE LUCKY I STILL NEED YOU, OTHERWISE YOU'D BE *ASH*.



TELL TARIQ THE *TRUTH* ABOUT LEWISTOWN.

WARN HIM.

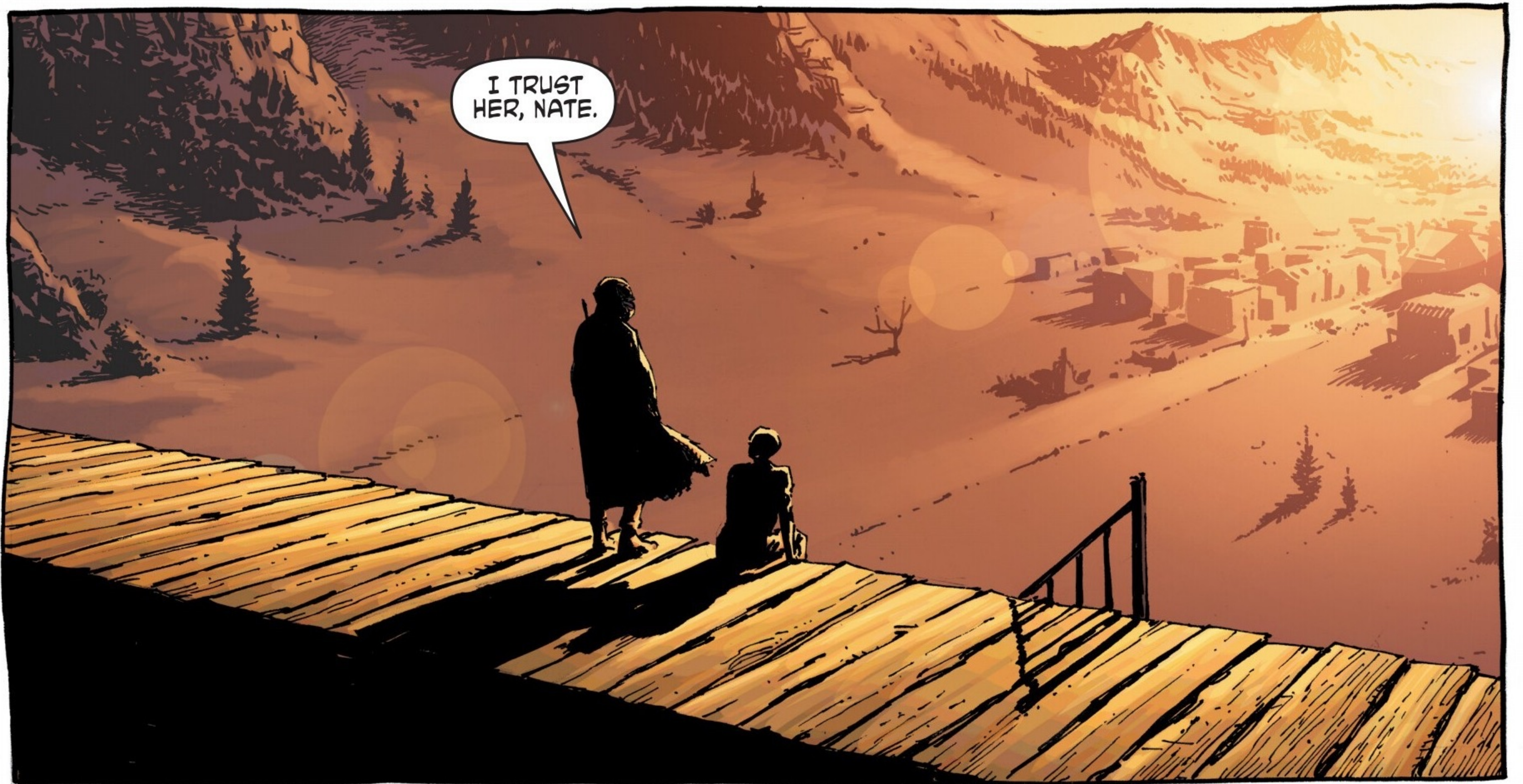


HE HAS TO LEAVE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!



WHY DO YOU THINK I'M KEEPING HIM HERE, DR. MOLOTOV?

HE'S THE *KEY*.



I TRUST
HER, NATE.



SO, YEAH.
WE'RE
STAYING.

FOR
NOW.

HOW WONDERFUL
TO HEAR, MR. GEIGER.
FINALLY, A PLACE TO
REST. TO LIVE.

WITH
HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE,
hm?

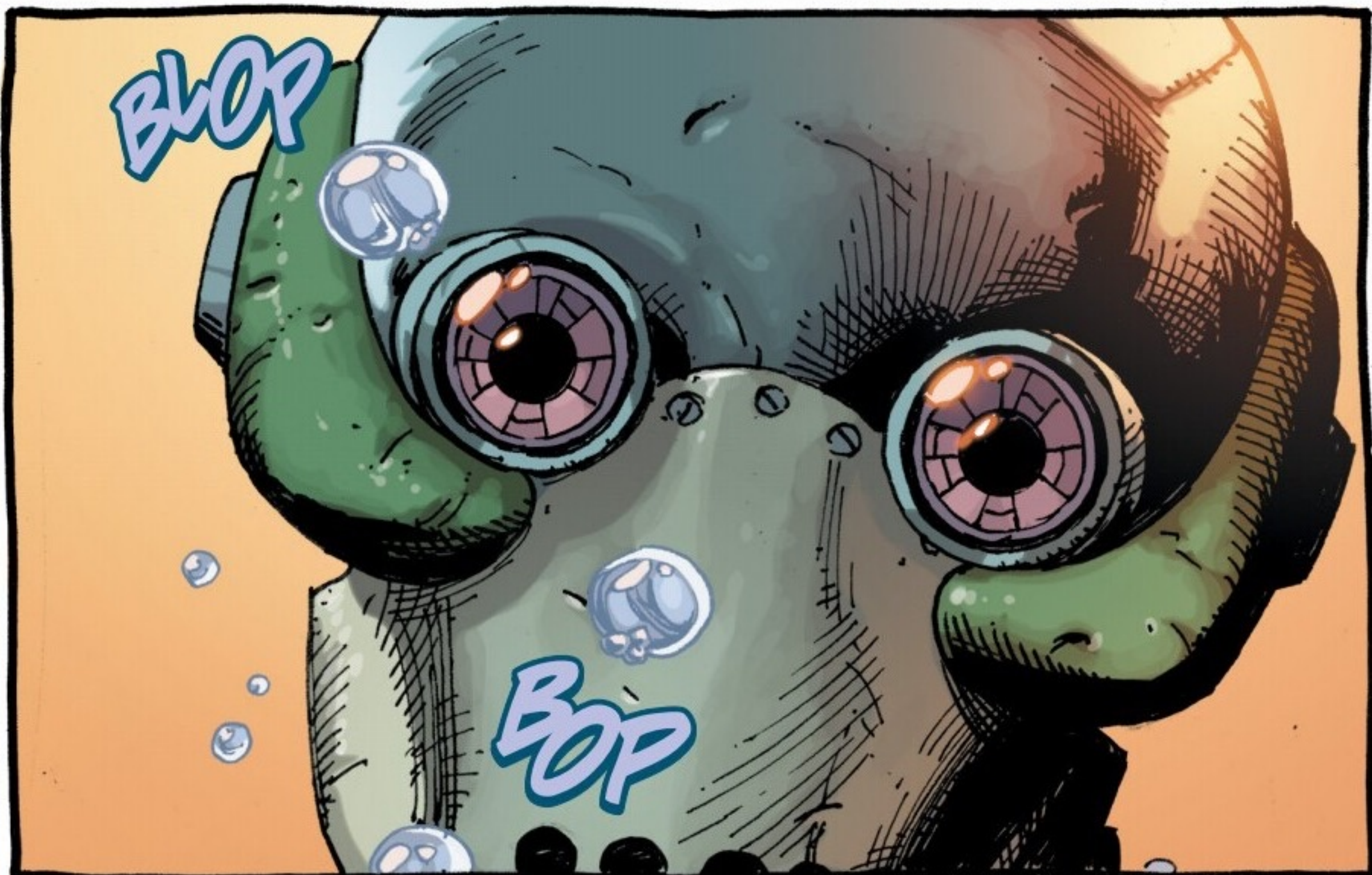
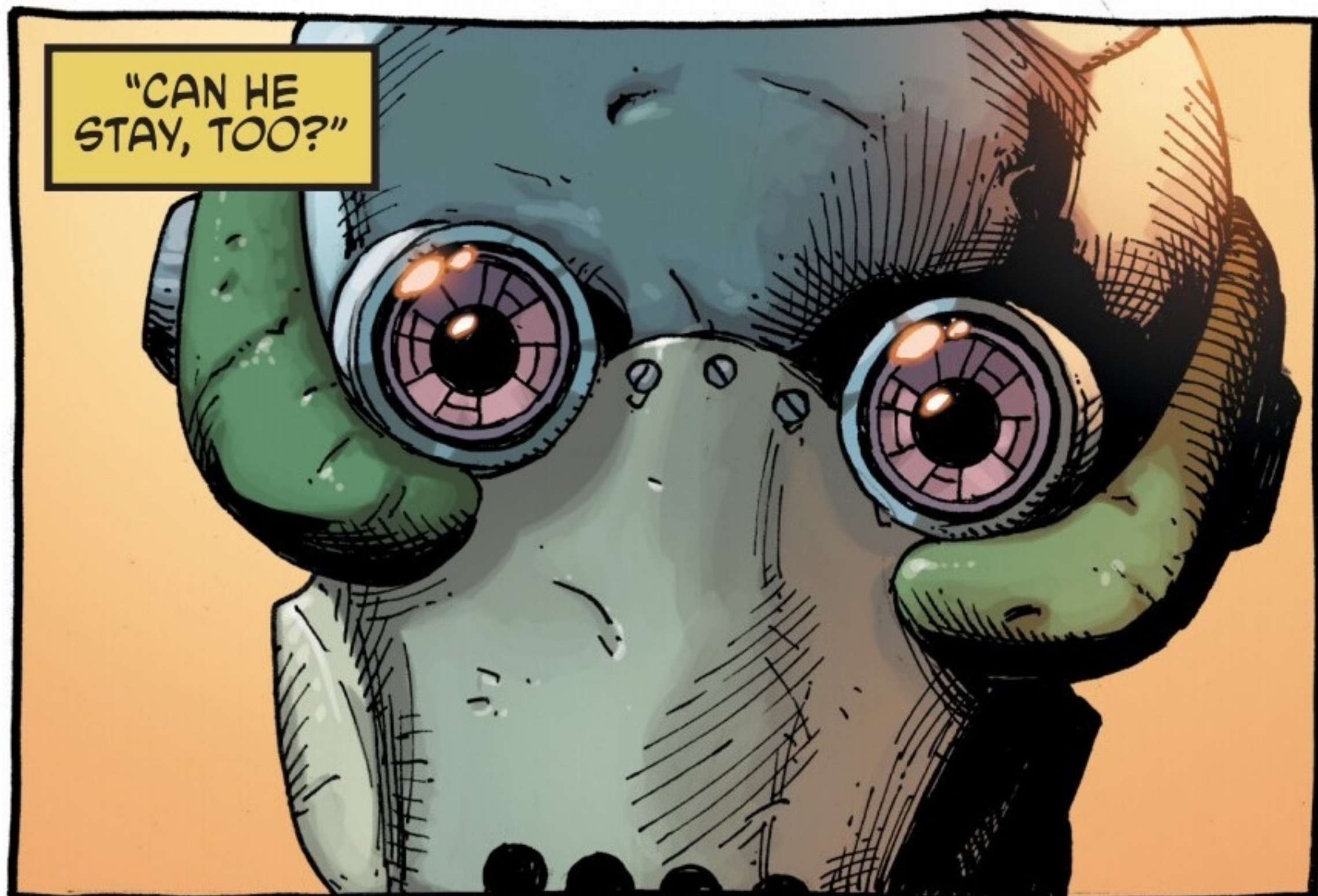
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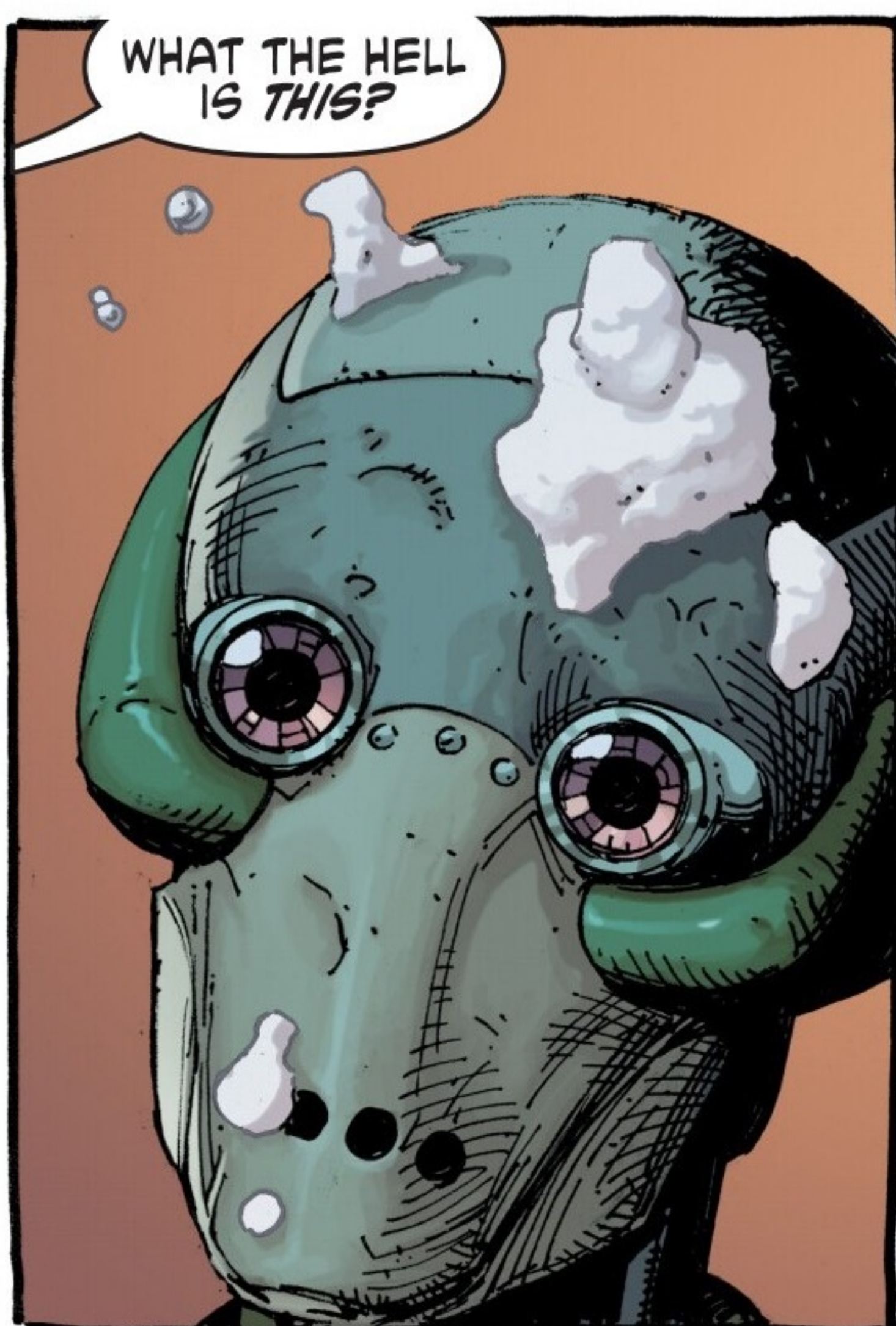
MAYBE IS
ALL THAT ANYONE
CAN ASK FOR
THESE DAYS.

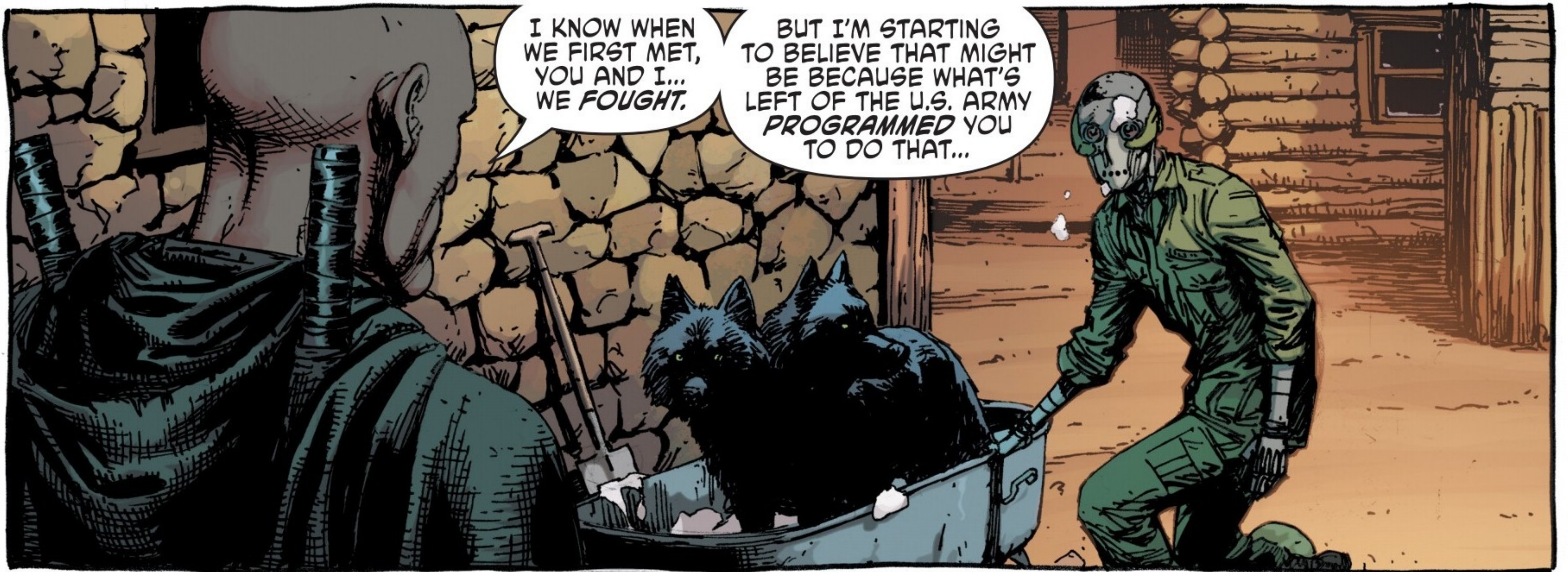


MR.
GEIGER?

WHAT
ABOUT
JOE?

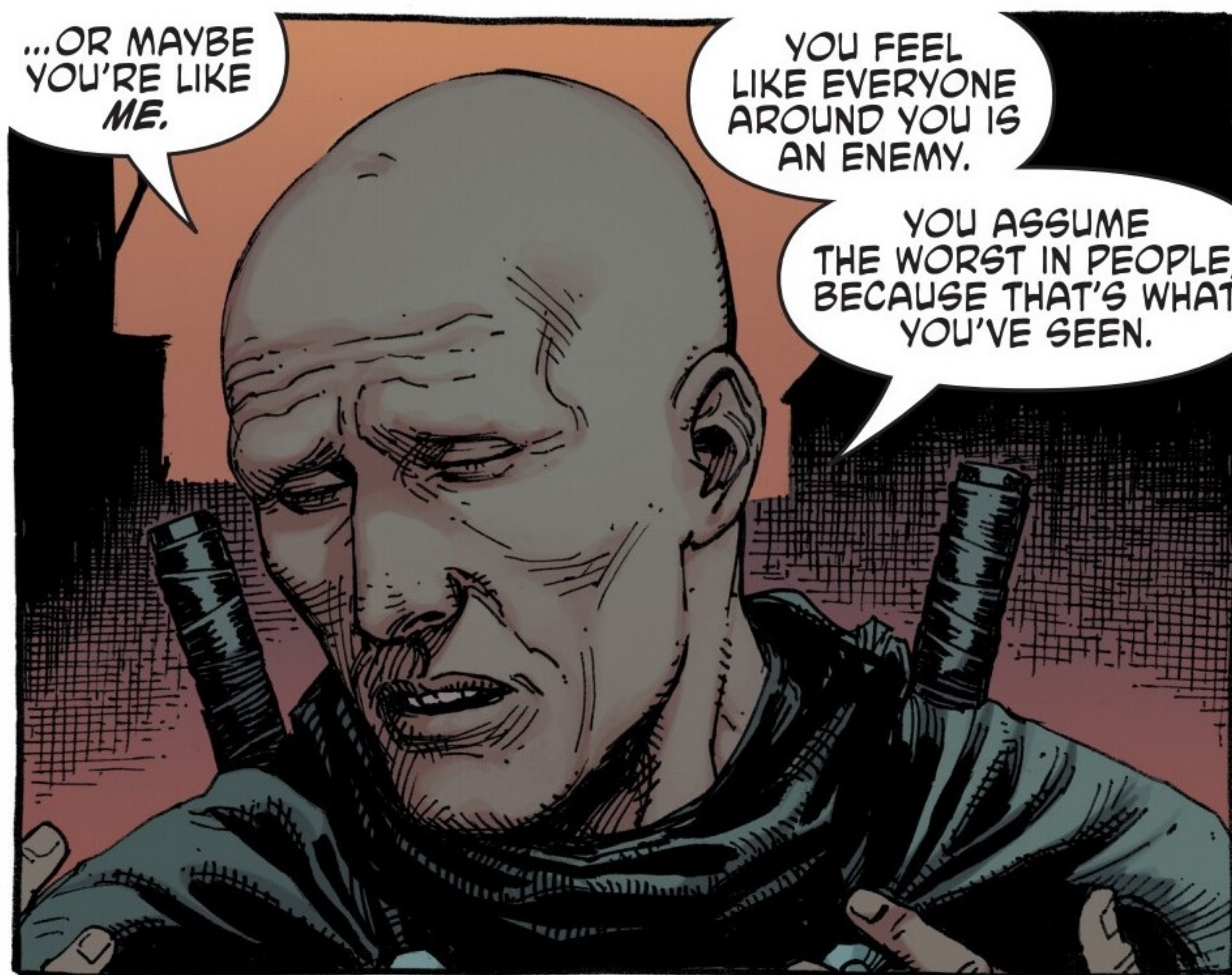






I KNOW WHEN
WE FIRST MET,
YOU AND I...
WE **FOUGHT**.

BUT I'M STARTING
TO BELIEVE THAT MIGHT
BE BECAUSE WHAT'S
LEFT OF THE U.S. ARMY
PROGRAMMED YOU
TO DO THAT...



...OR MAYBE
YOU'RE LIKE
ME.

YOU FEEL
LIKE EVERYONE
AROUND YOU IS
AN ENEMY.

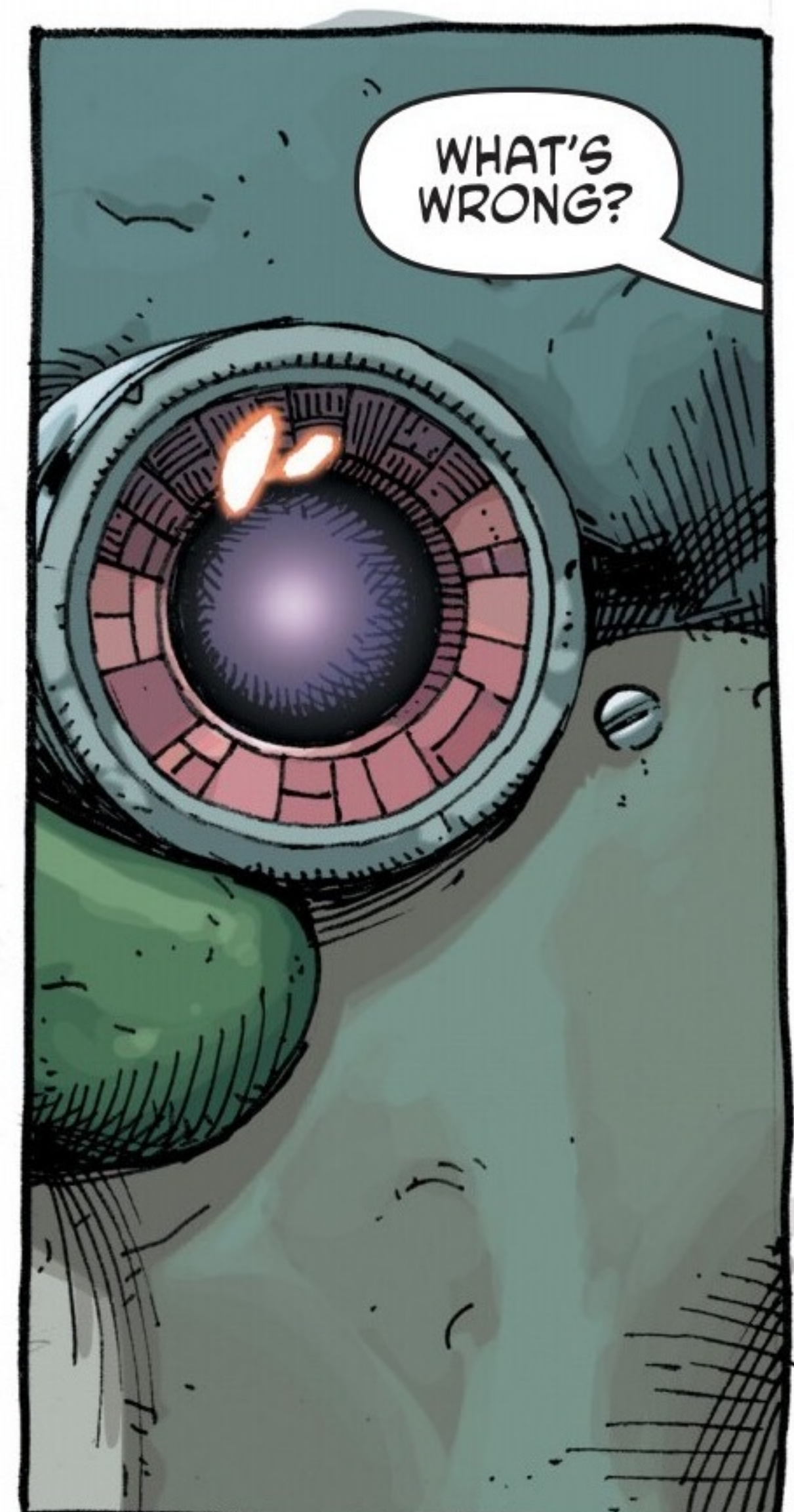
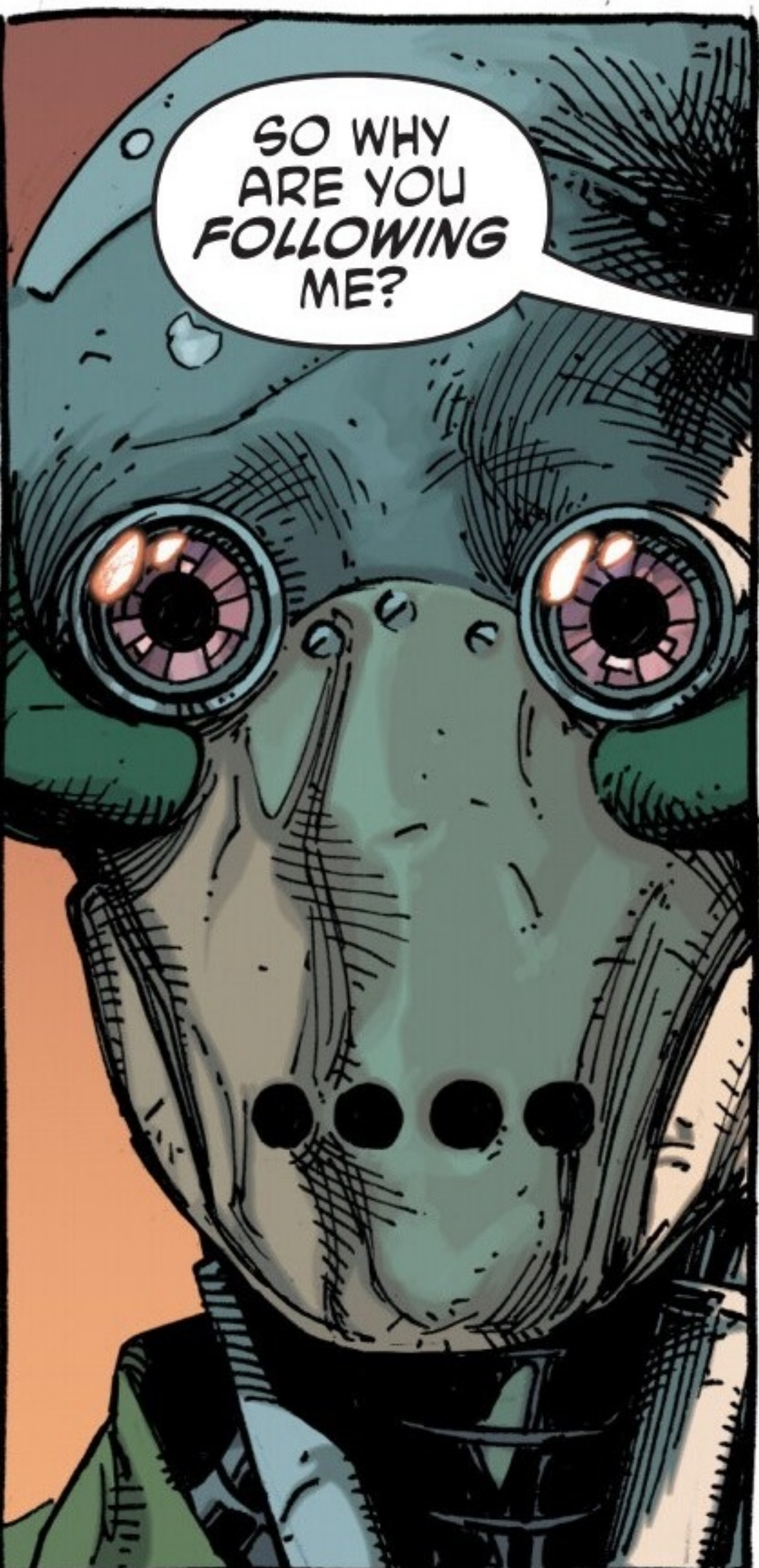
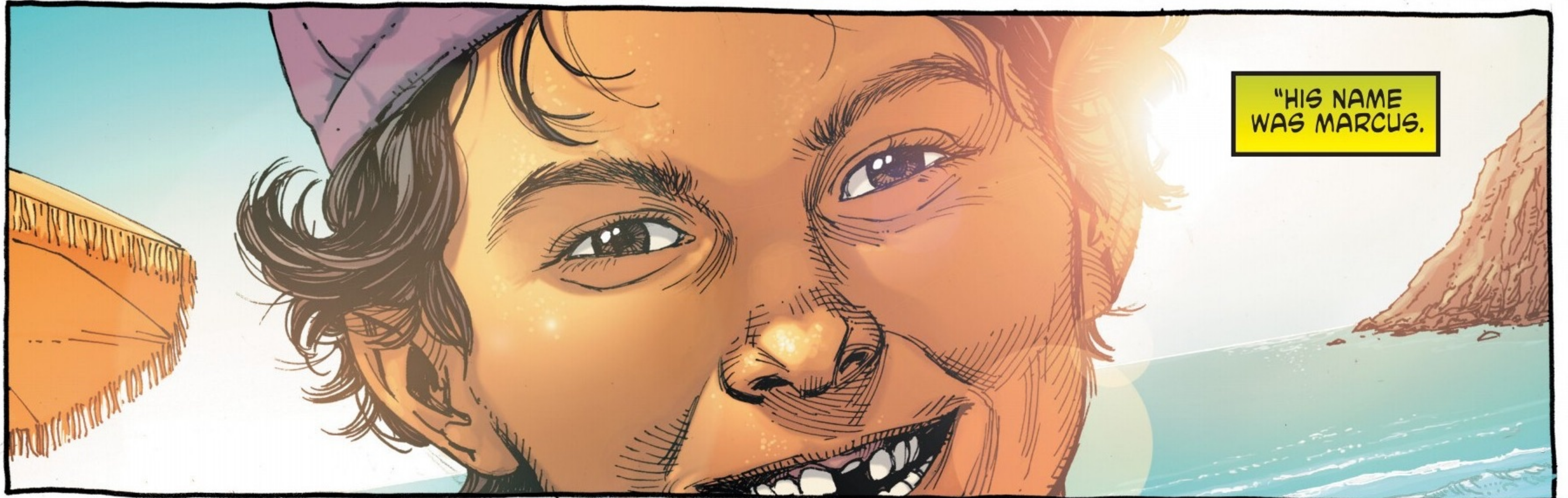
YOU ASSUME
THE WORST IN PEOPLE,
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
YOU'VE SEEN.



BUT IT'S HARD
TO LIVE YOUR LIFE
SURROUNDED BY
ENEMIES.

THAT'S
WHY LEARNING
TO CONTROL THIS
LIKE ASHLEY...
WHAT IT COULD
MEAN FOR
ME...

I DON'T
WANT TO THINK
ABOUT IT TOO
MUCH.





THE ROBOT
MUST HAVE
PICKED UP THEIR
RADIOS.



WHO ARE
THEY?

THE U.S.
ARMY.

THEY'VE
COME FOR
ME.

OR FOR
JOE.

OR FOR
OUR TOWN'S
SUPPLIES.



"WHATEVER THE CASE, IT
DOESN'T MATTER NOW.



THEY JUST
WAIVED THEIR
RIGHT TO A
WARNING.

WE NEED TO GIVE
PEOPLE TIME TO
GET TO THE SILO,
GET BELOW
GROUND AND
SHELTER IN
SAFETY.

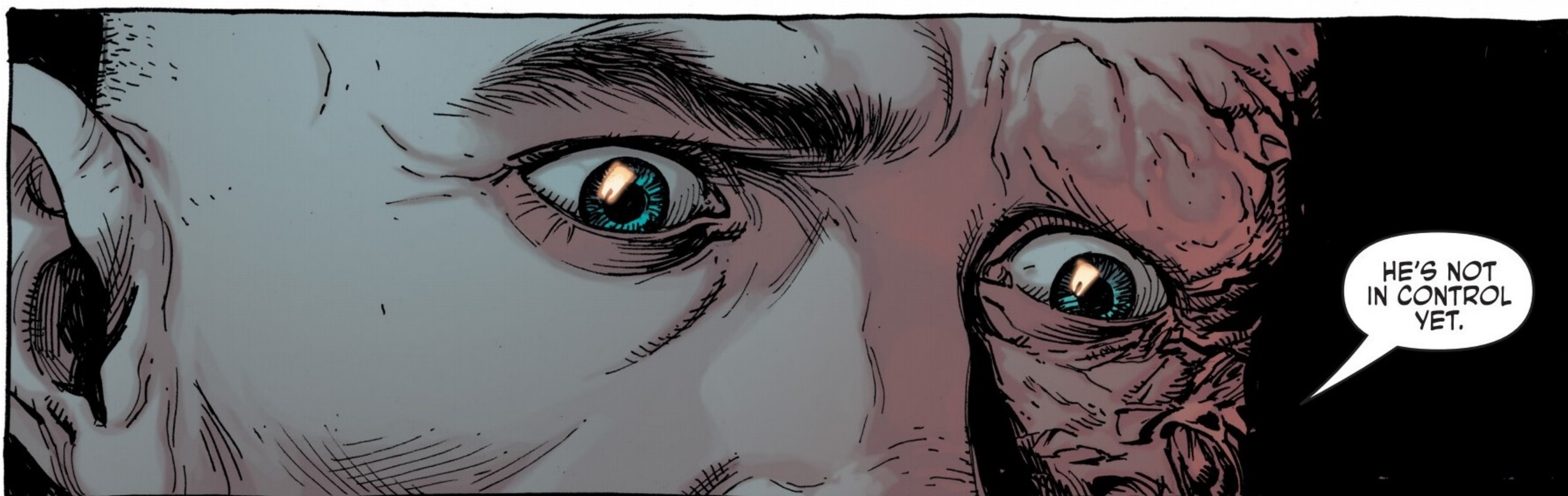
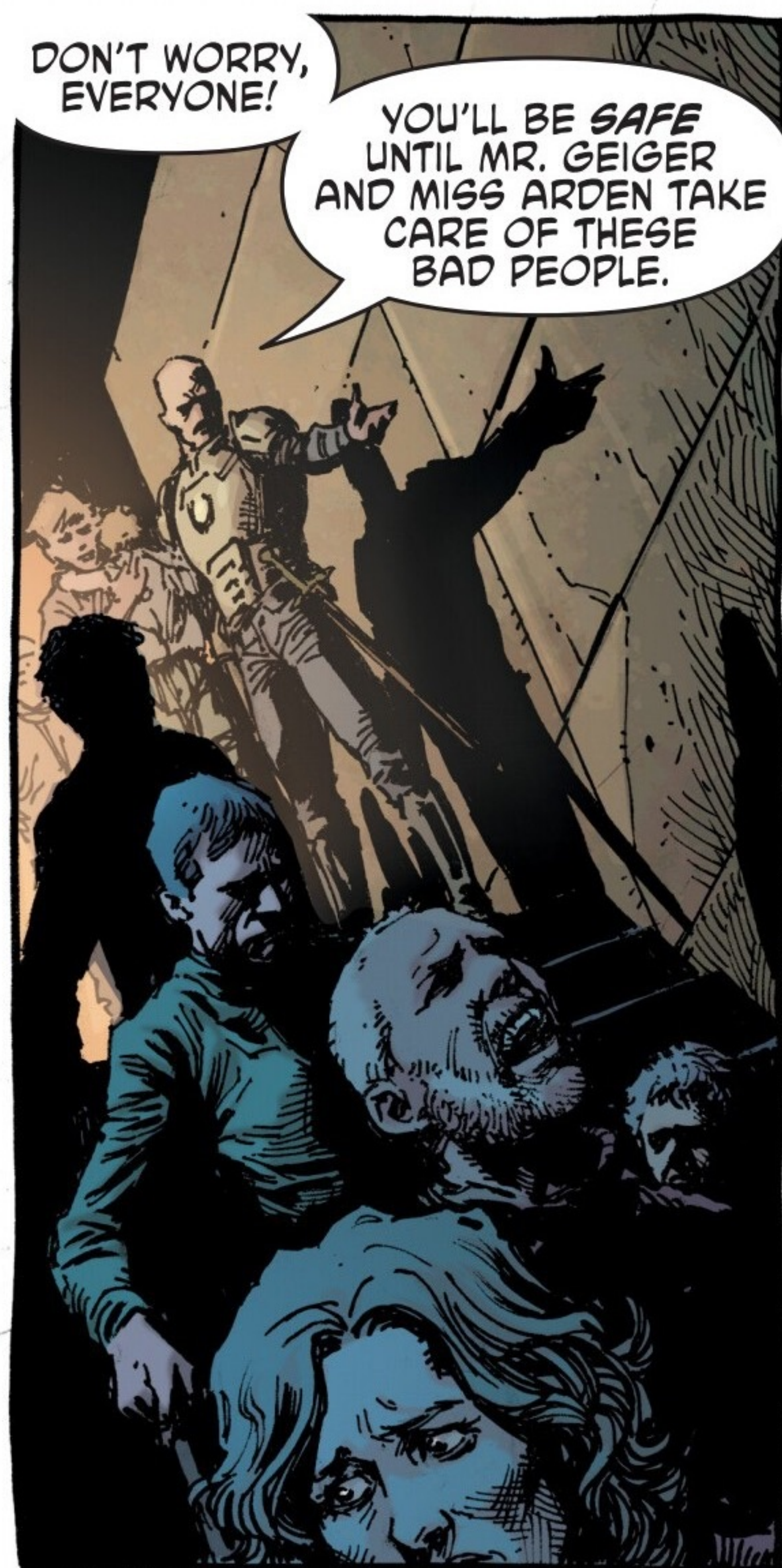
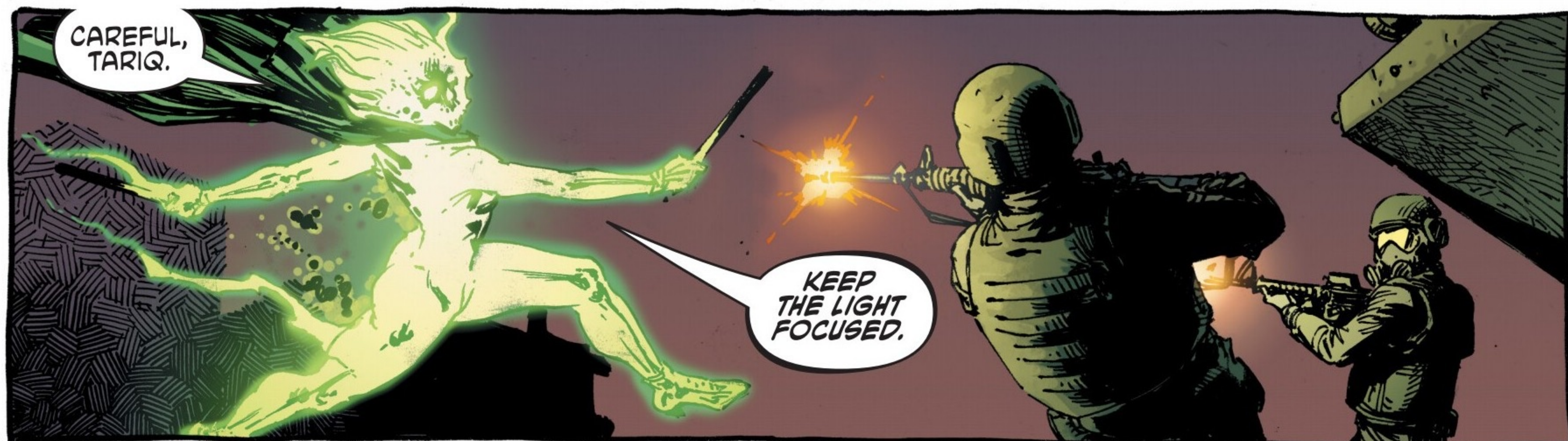
PROTECT
THEM, NATE.
TARIQ AND I WILL
DEAL WITH THESE
INTRUDERS.



FIND
THEM.

FOUND
YOU
FIRST.







THE PEOPLE NEED
TIME TO GET TO
SAFETY.



I'M NOT HERE
FOR THE
HUMANS.

VEET
VEET
VEET
VEET

I'VE
COME FOR THE
MONSTERS.



THE LIGHTS ARE
FLICKERING!

THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
THE POWER.



WARNING.

MAGNETIC
LOCK 13
FAILURE.



KZZZ

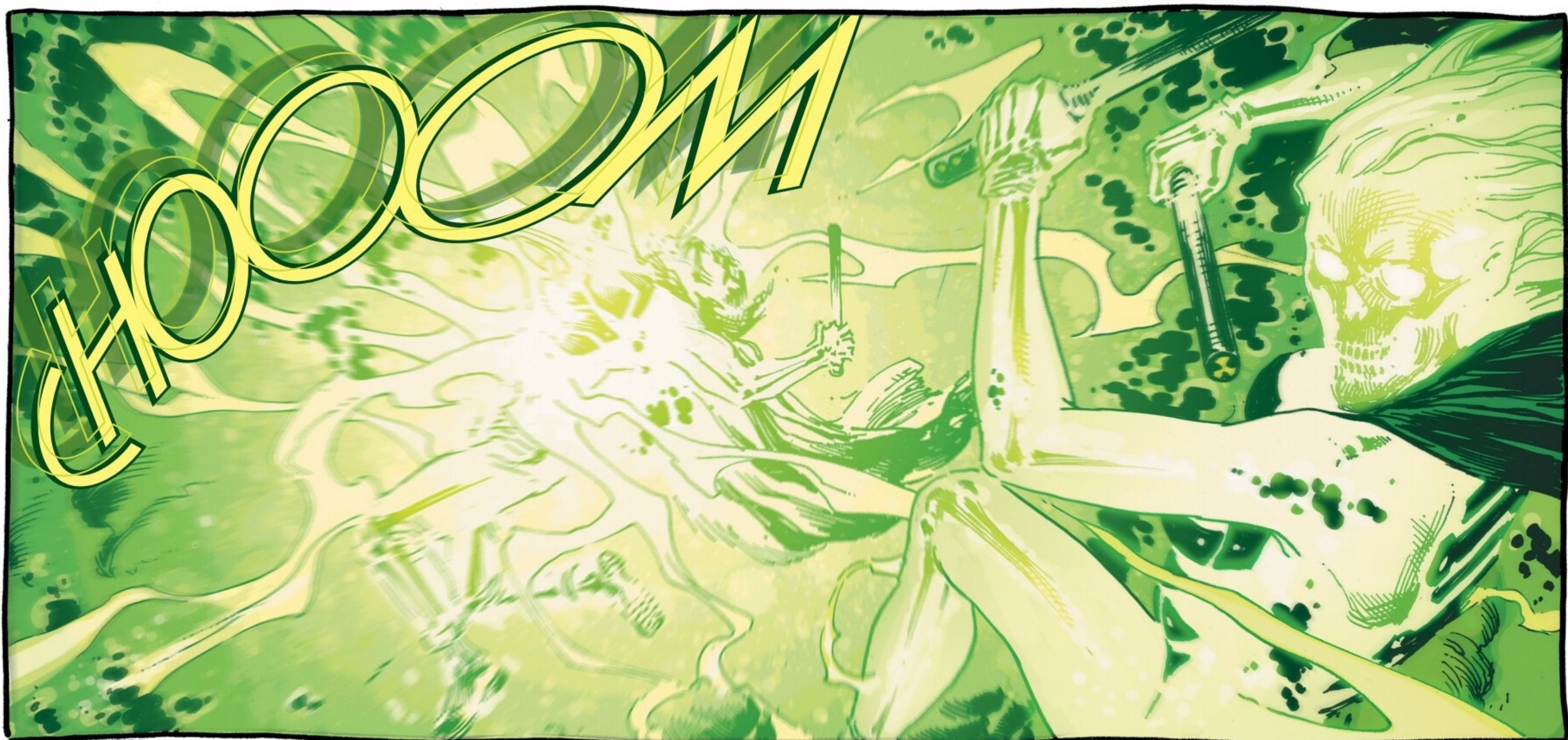


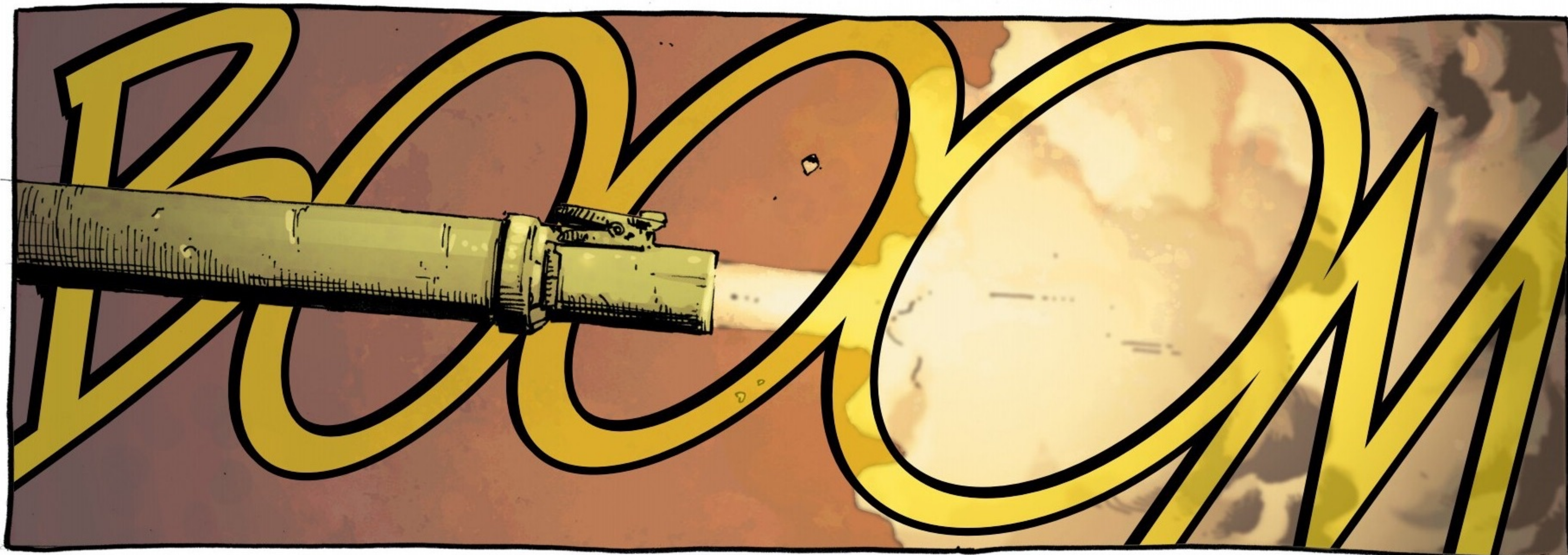
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"THERE'S NO
ESCAPE."









NFF!



THU-THE
RODS...

THEY
NEED TO GO
BACK...



SHHHHLLT



WHAT ARE YOU
DOING? THERE IS
NO RETREAT.

BUT,
GENERAL--

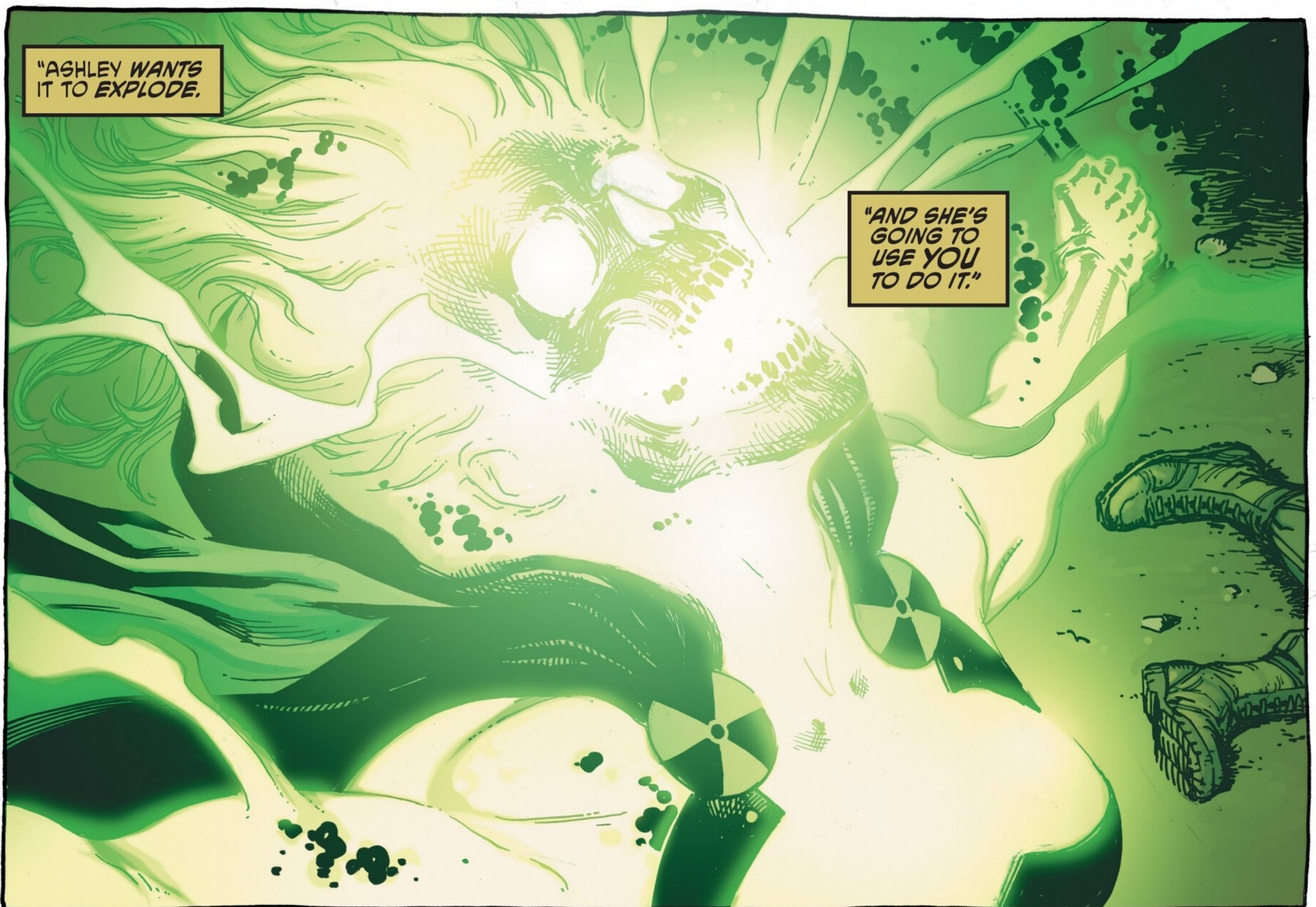
YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS,
SOLDIER.

FIND THE
WOMAN.



"I'LL DEAL WITH
THE MAN."

TARIQ?







CHAPTER FOURTEEN



"YOU THINK YOU
KNOW *ASHLEY ARDEN*,
BUT YOU DO NOT.



"SHE IS FAR MORE
DANGEROUS THAN
YOU, TARIQ. NOT ONLY
IN *RAW POWER*..."

"...BUT IN HER
WILLINGNESS TO
UNLEASH IT."

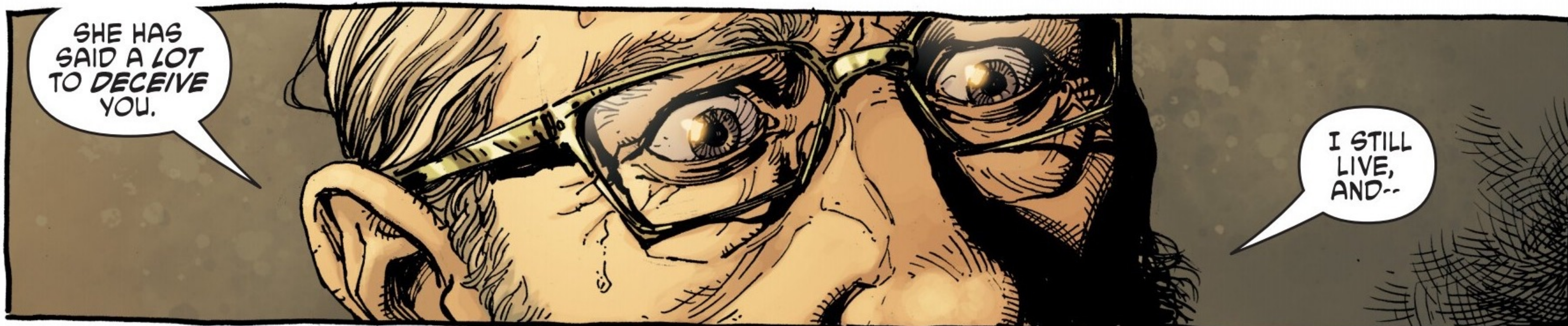




EVERYTHING
ASHLEY HAS TOLD
YOU IS A LIE.

SHE HAS BEEN
MANIPULATING YOU
FOR HER OWN AGENDA,
AND IT THREATENS
EVERYONE--

ASHLEY SAID YOU
WERE MURDERED
BY A CULT CALLED
THE HILLBORN.

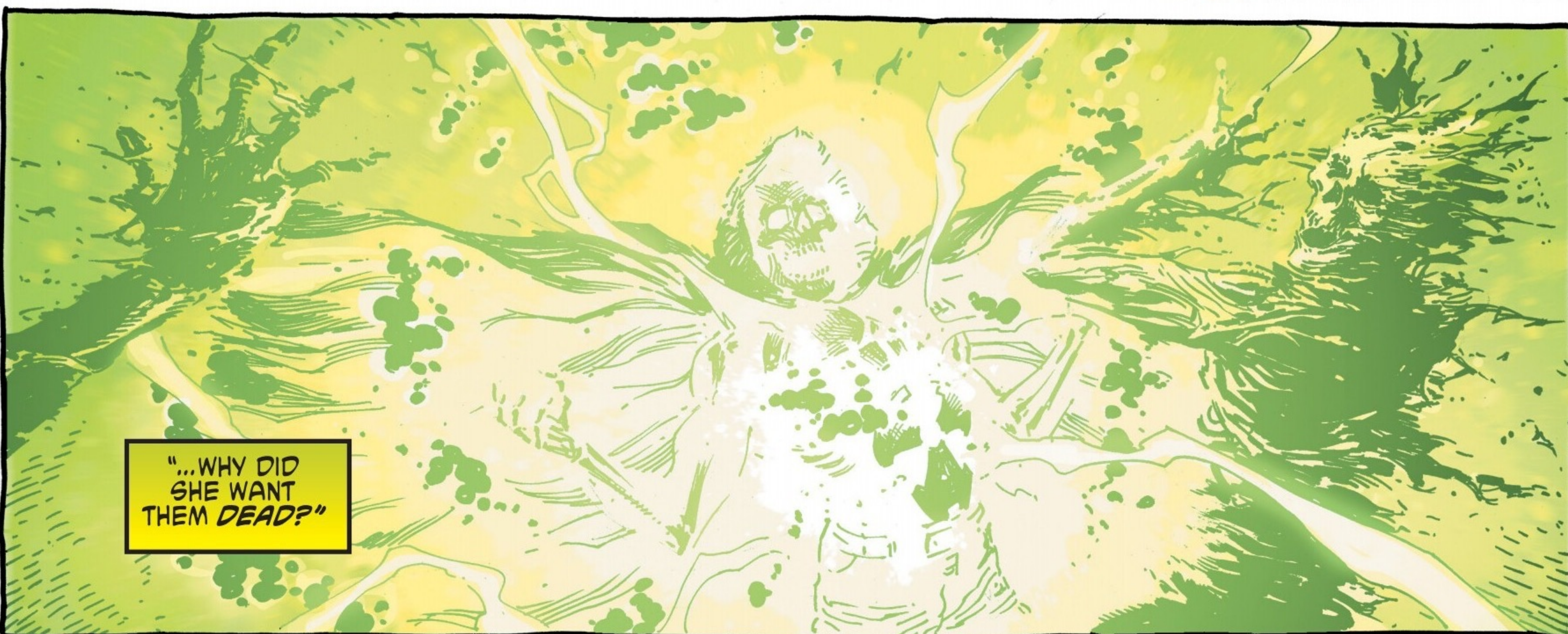


SHE HAS
SAID A LOT
TO DECEIVE
YOU.

I STILL
LIVE,
AND--

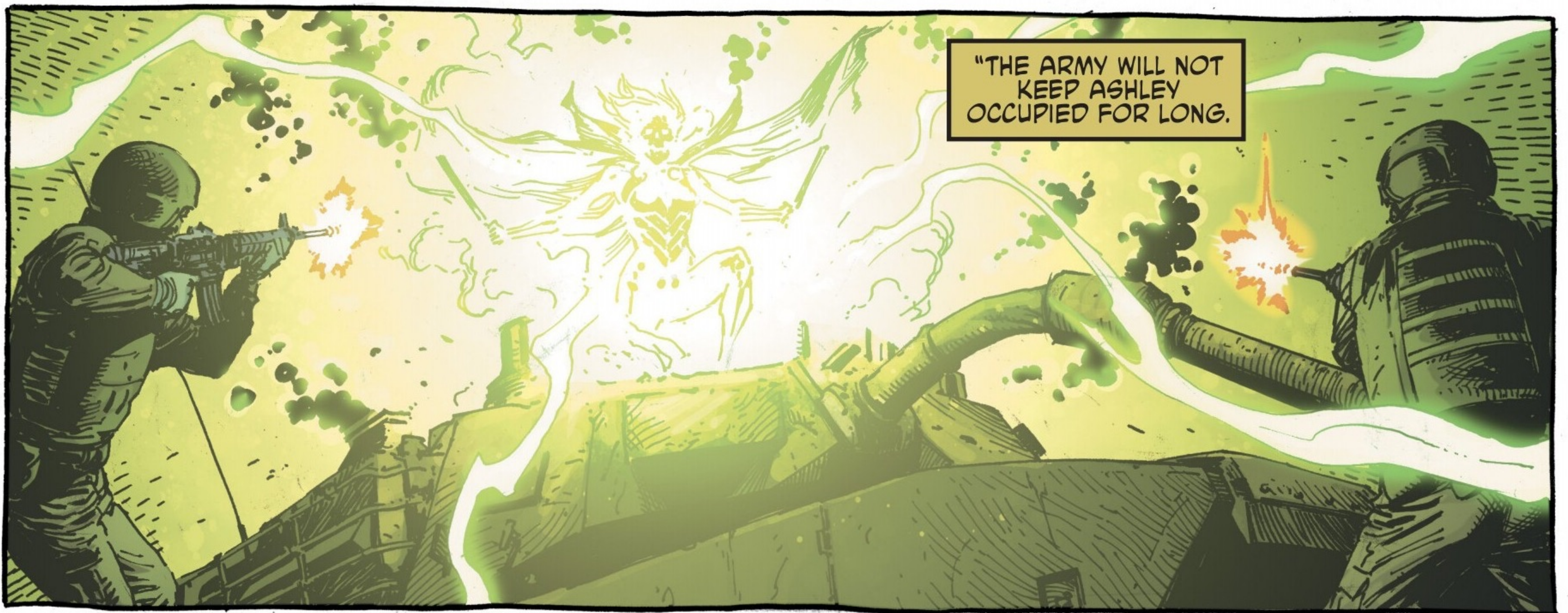


IF YOU
WEREN'T
CRUCIFIED
BY THOSE
PEOPLE...

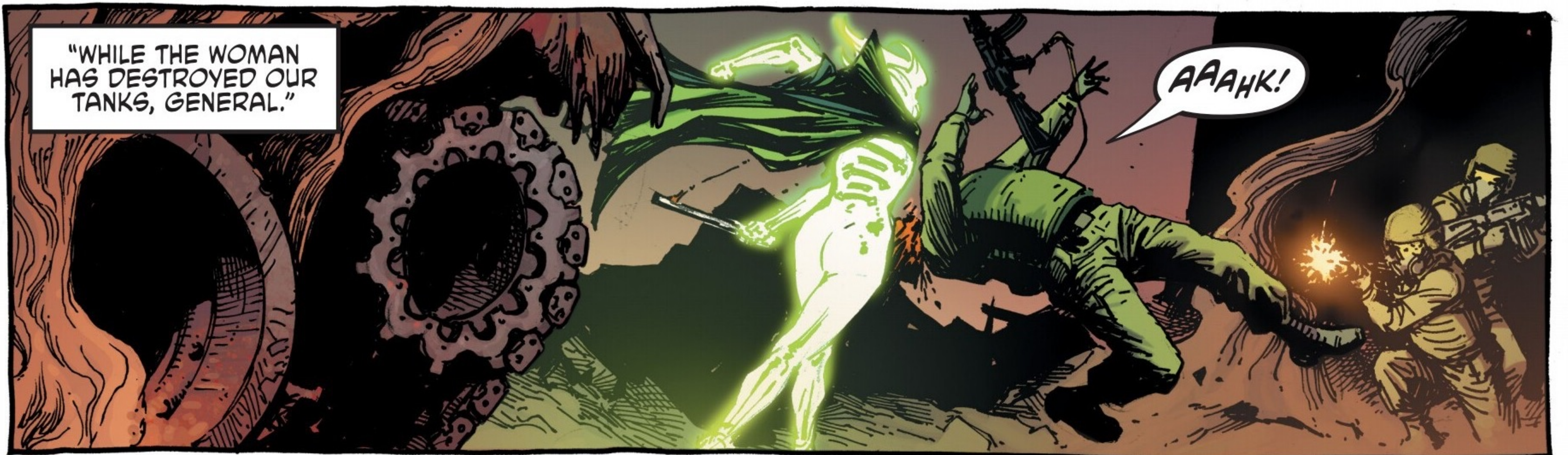


"...WHY DID
SHE WANT
THEM DEAD?"













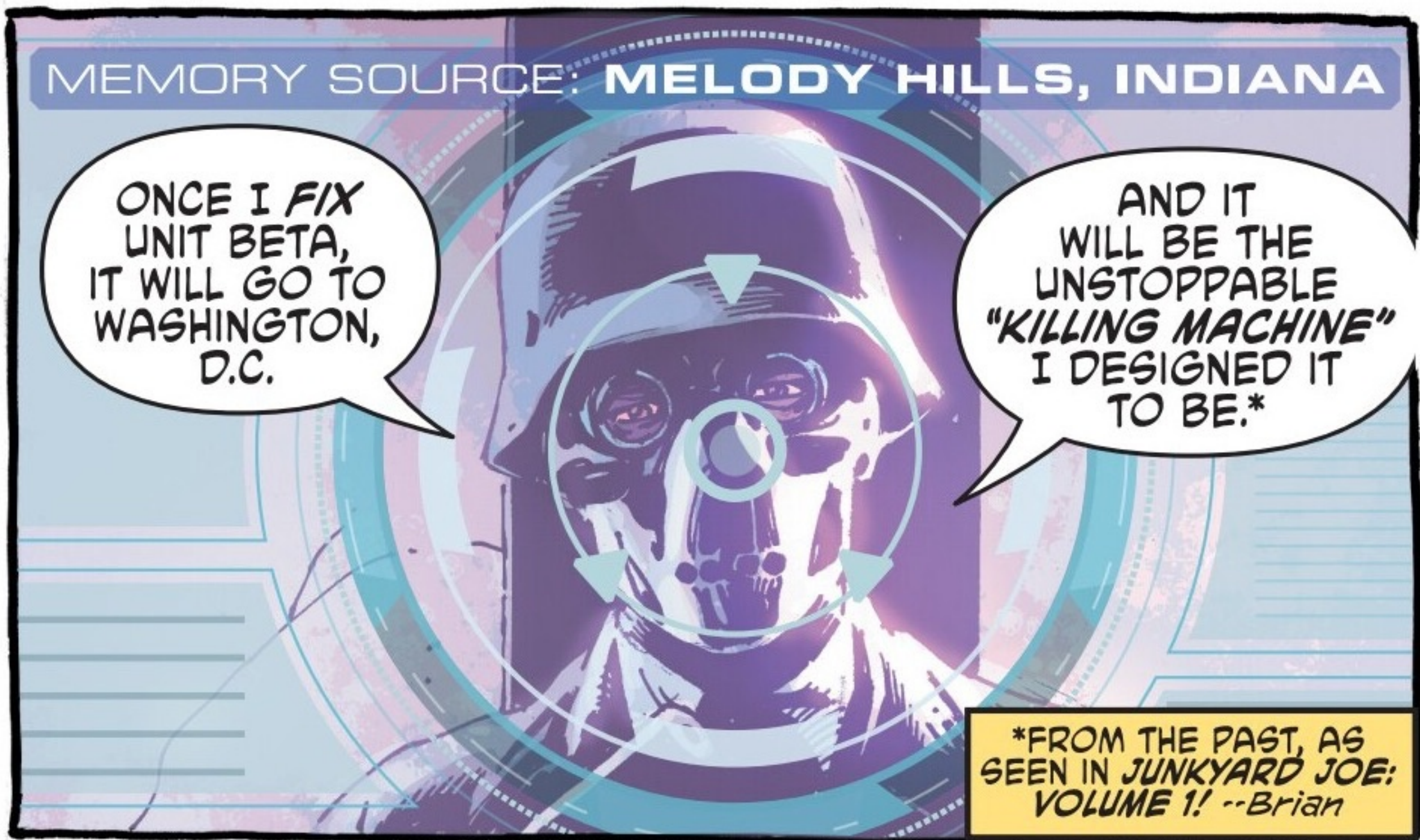
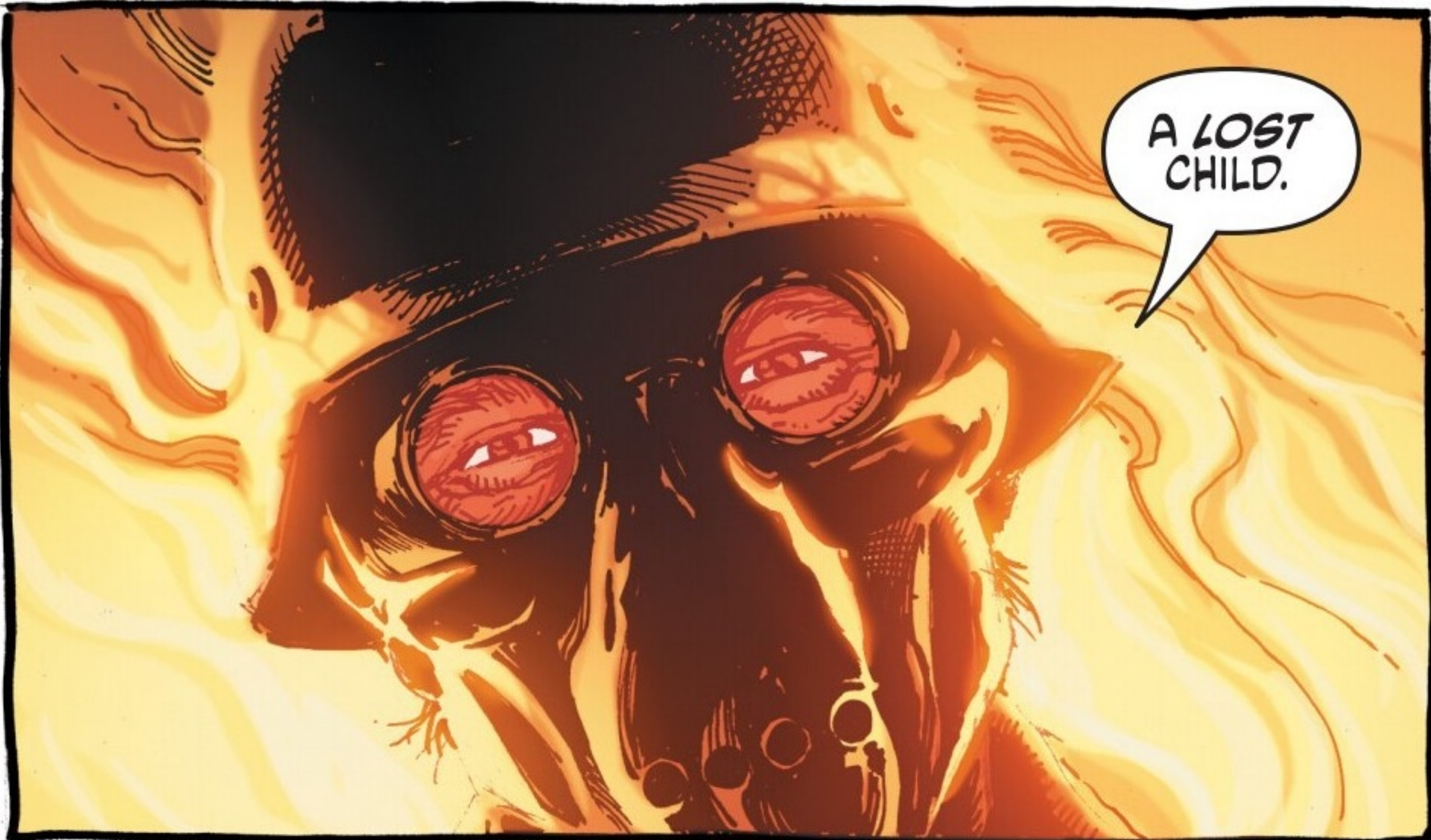


IT'S ME,
YOUR
CUSTODIAN.

YOU ARE AS
CLOSE TO A CHILD AS
THIS OLD MAN HAS
EVER KNOWN.



A LOST
CHILD.

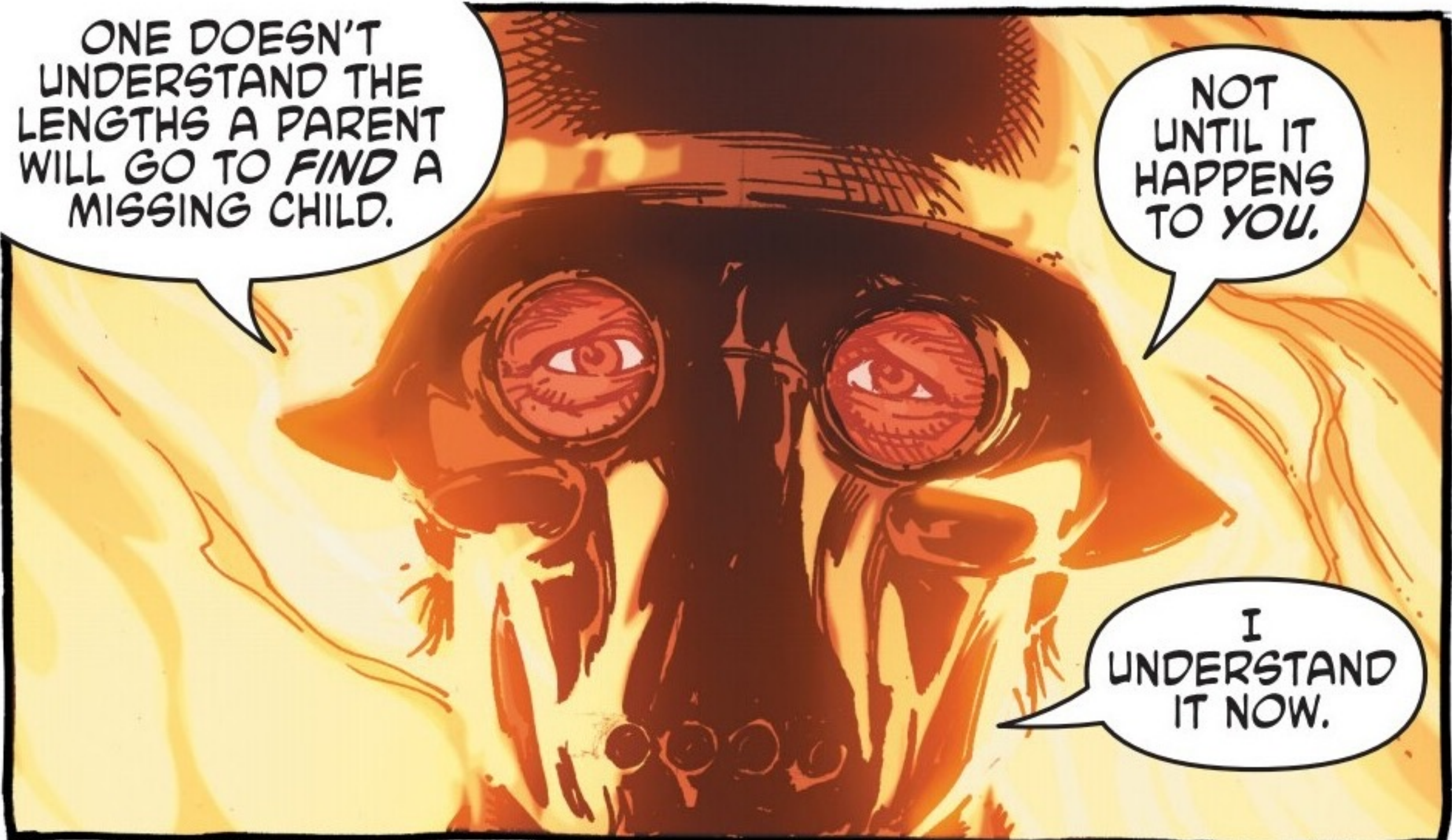


MEMORY SOURCE: MELODY HILLS, INDIANA

ONCE I FIX
UNIT BETA,
IT WILL GO TO
WASHINGTON,
D.C.

AND IT
WILL BE THE
UNSTOPPABLE
"KILLING MACHINE"
I DESIGNED IT
TO BE.*

*FROM THE PAST, AS
SEEN IN JUNKYARD JOE:
VOLUME 1! --Brian



ONE DOESN'T
UNDERSTAND THE
LENGTHS A PARENT
WILL GO TO FIND A
MISSING CHILD.

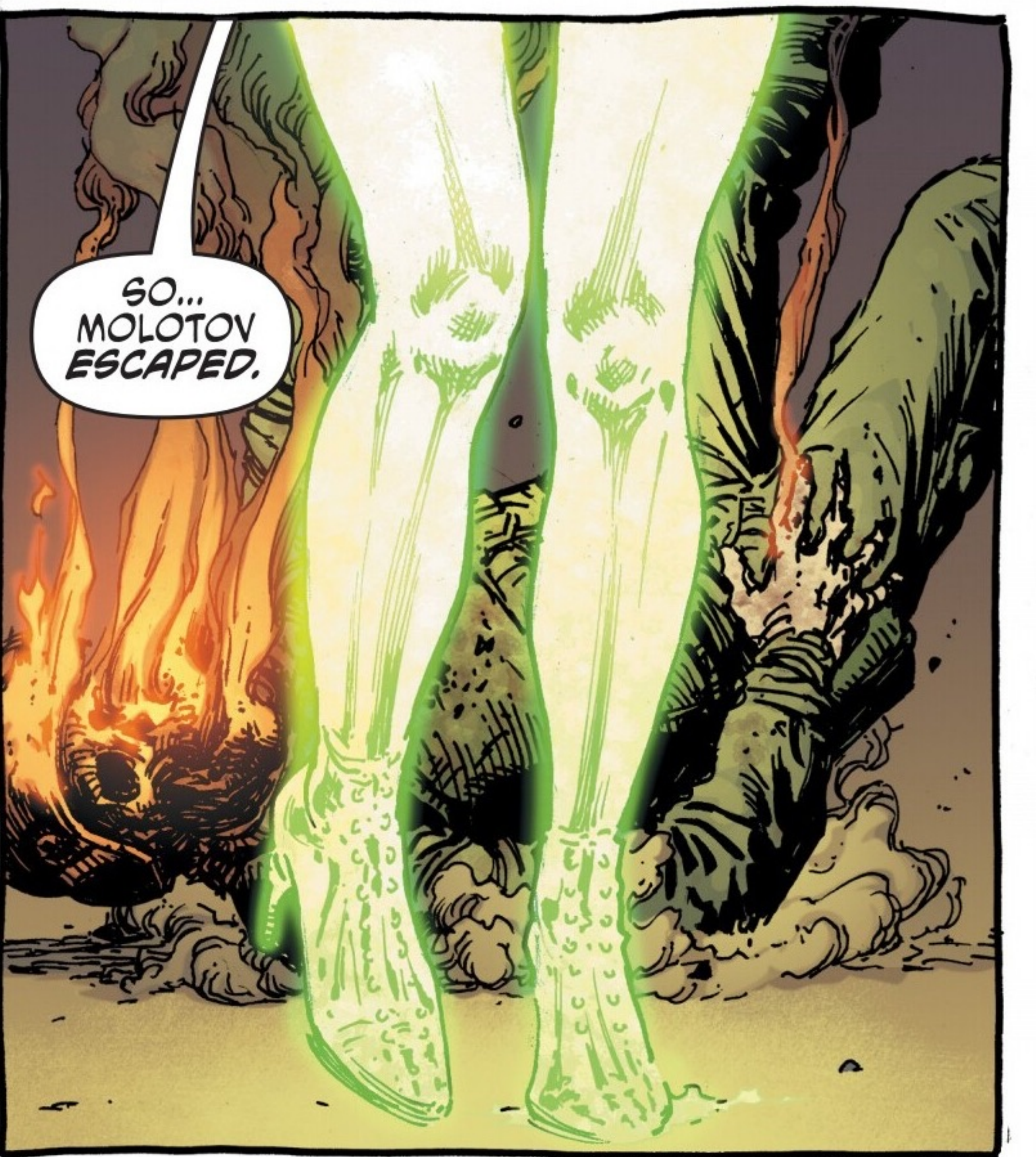
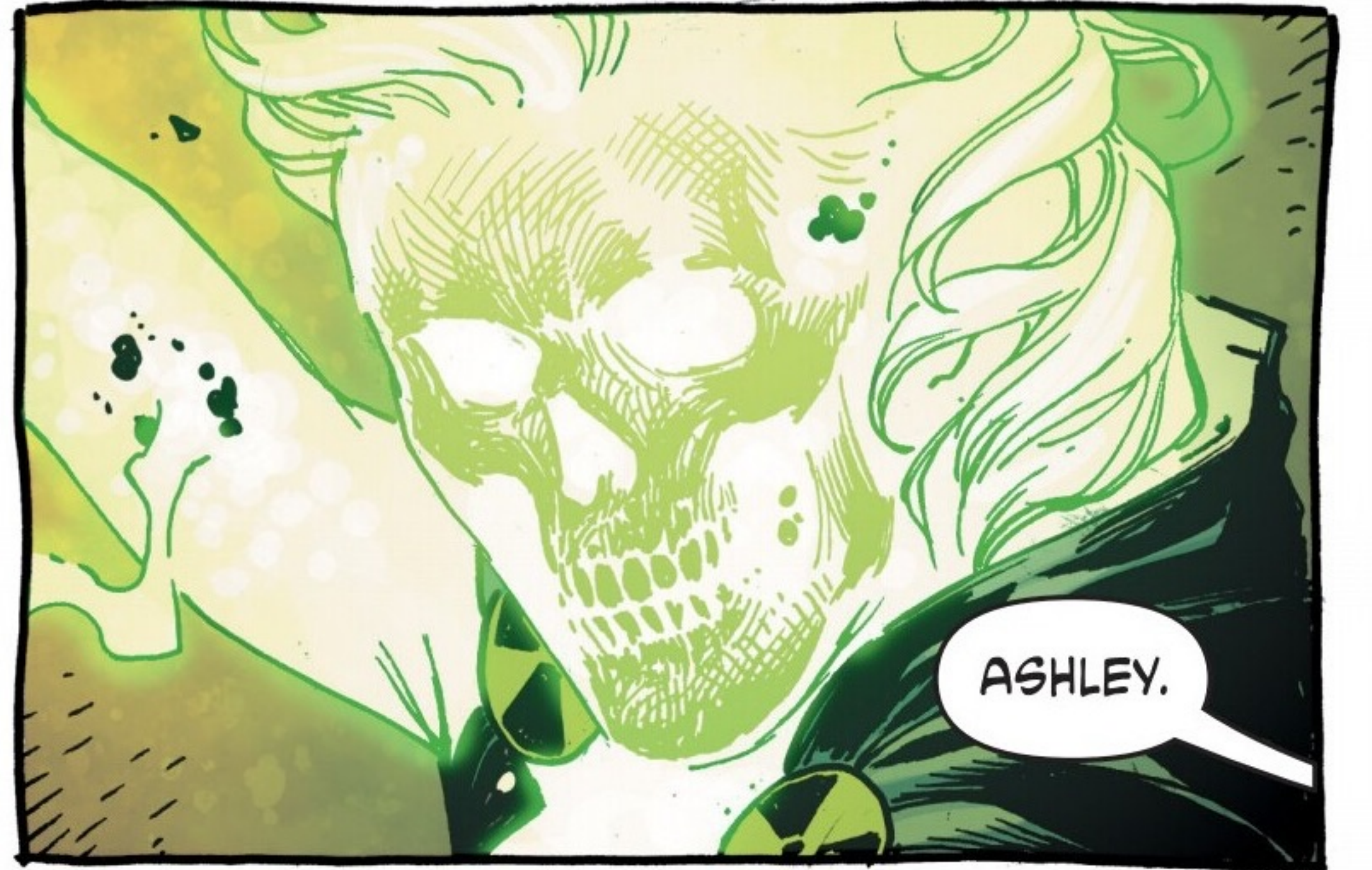
NOT
UNTIL IT
HAPPENS
TO YOU.

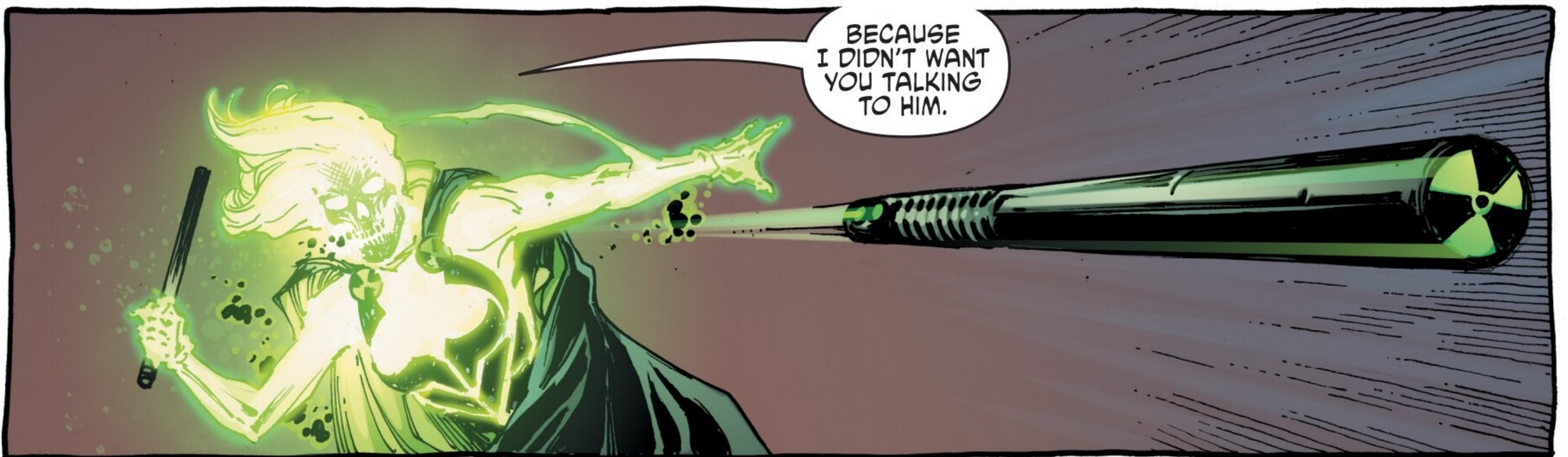
I
UNDERSTAND
IT NOW.



YOU BELONG
TO ME,
UNIT BETA.

AND I'M
TAKING YOU
HOME.









THE
WHOLE SILO
IS SHAKING.

WHAT'S
GOING ON
UP THERE?

I'M SCARED,
DAD.

THE GLOWING
PEOPLE WILL
PROTECT US.

WHAT IF
THEY CAN'T?



BARNEY.

GOOD
BOY.



LOOKS LIKE JOE
HAS DONE QUITE
WELL AGAINST THE
SOLDIERS, AND ALL
BY HIMSELF!

WHERE
IS HE?



NOT
ANOTHER
STEP,
KNIGHT.



TELL
YOUR DOG
TO SIT.

THE
ZEBRA,
TOO.



I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR YOUR *ACTIONS*, UNIT BETA. I BLAME *MYSELF*.

I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET THEM SEND YOU TO WAR BEFORE YOU WERE READY.



I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT.

SOMETHING HAPPENED, BE IT ONE OF MY ENVIOUS COLLEAGUES SABOTAGING YOUR PROGRAMMING OR A TRAUMATIC EVENT THAT DAMAGED YOUR INSIDES.



WHRR-KK-KK



"YOU WERE CHANGED BY WAR."



"WE ALL ARE."

THE GENERAL'S ENTERED THE SILO, MR. PRESIDENT. IT SHOULDN'T BE LONG BEFORE THE WARHEAD IS DISARMED AND WE CAN DRIVE INTO TOWN.

DON'T WAIT.

BUT, SIR. IT'S STILL DANGEROUS--

DRIVE, SOLDIER.

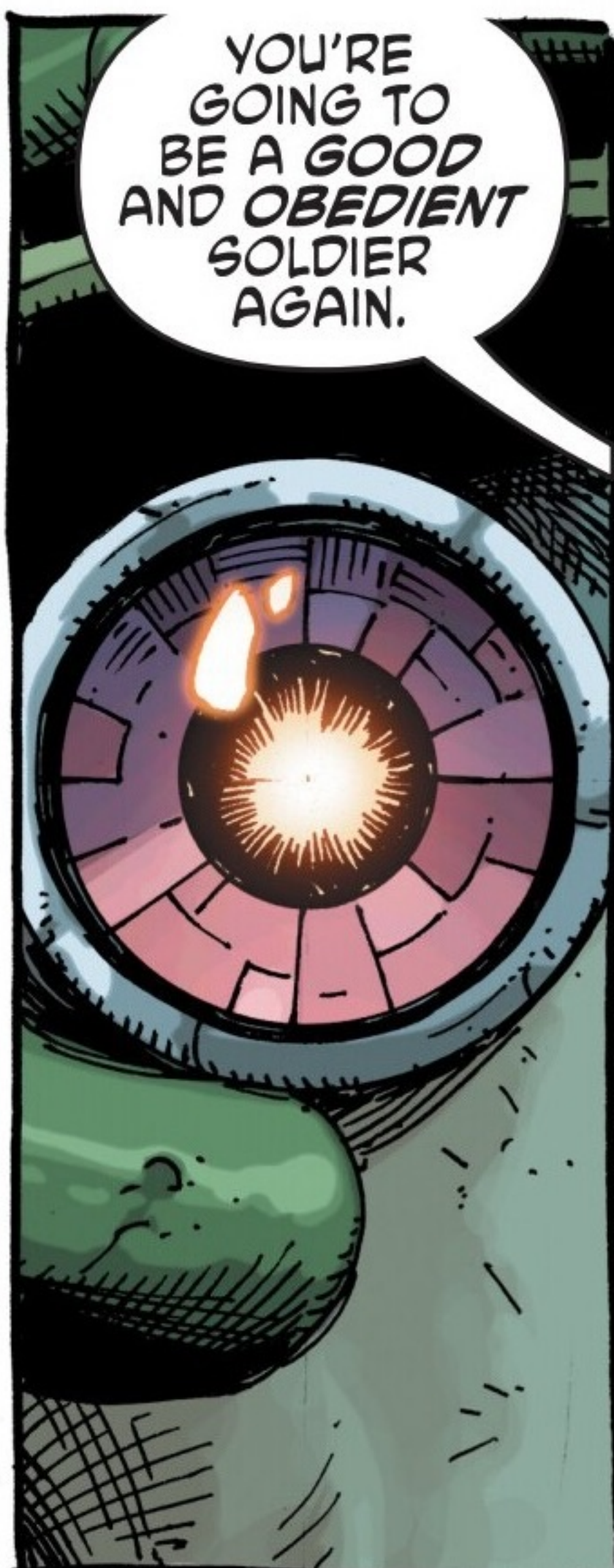


OH, DON'T TRY AND *RESIST*, SON.

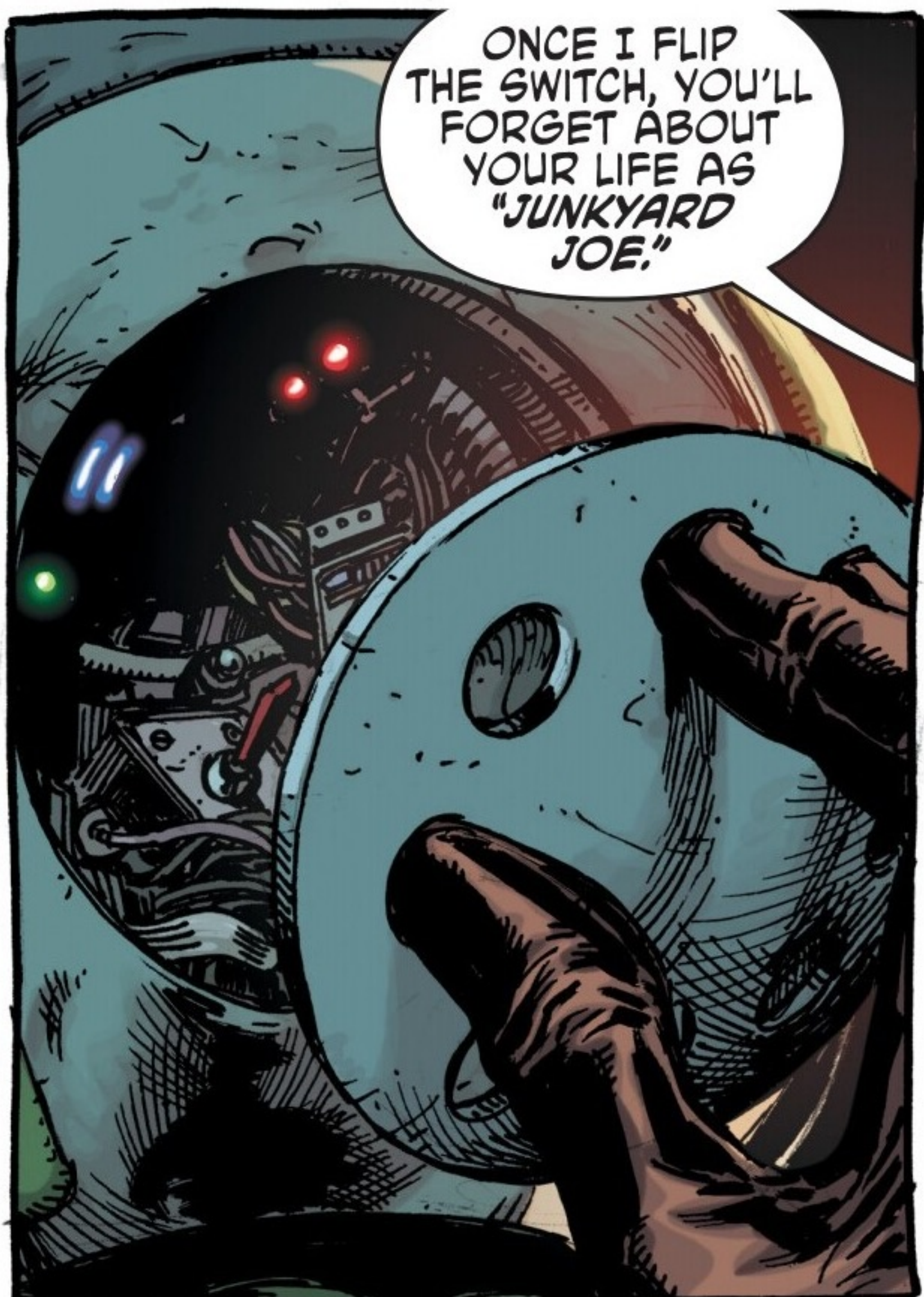
WHRR-KK-KK



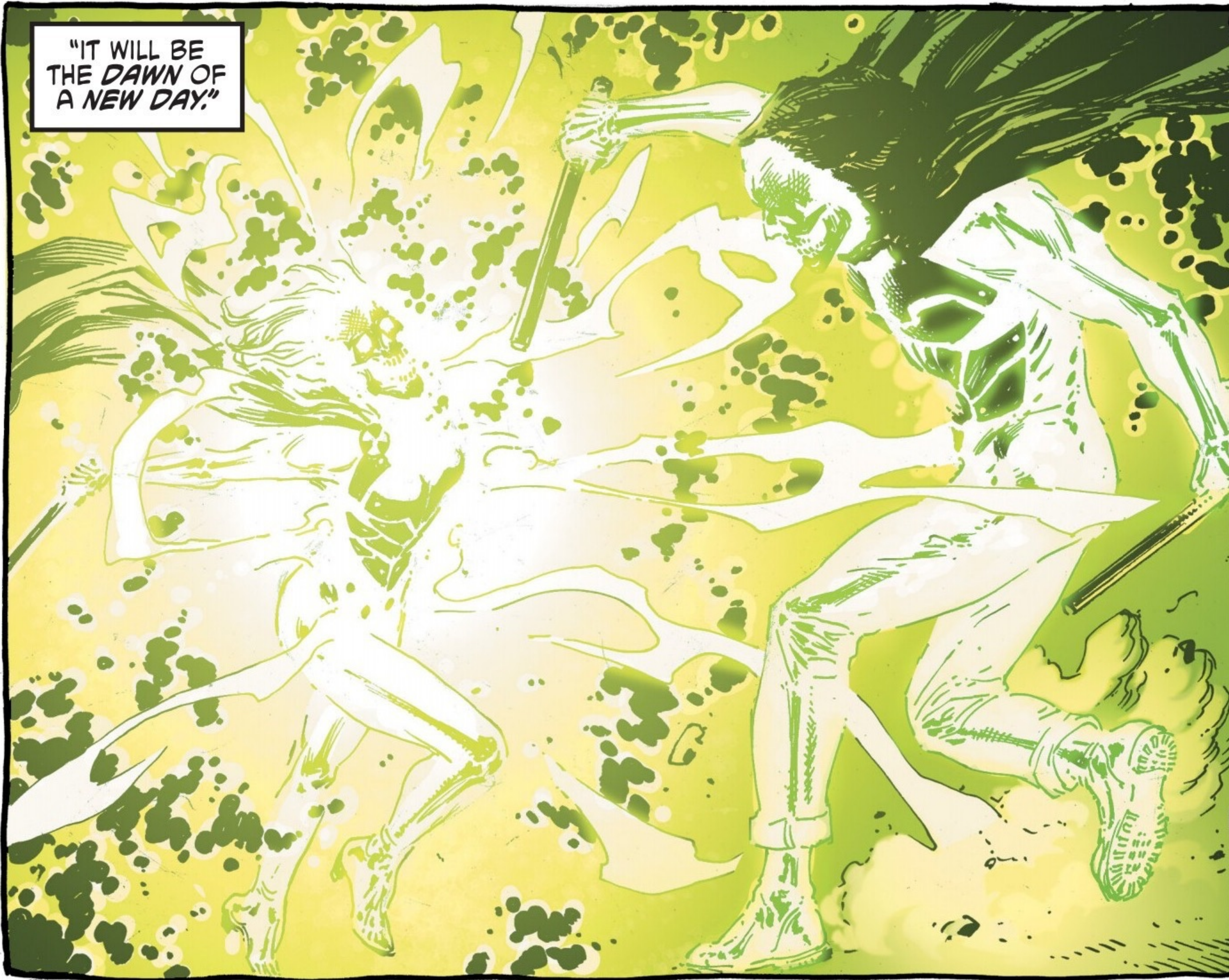
THIS REMOTE IS WHAT'S KEEPING YOU STATIONARY.



YOU'RE GOING TO BE A GOOD AND OBEDIENT SOLDIER AGAIN.



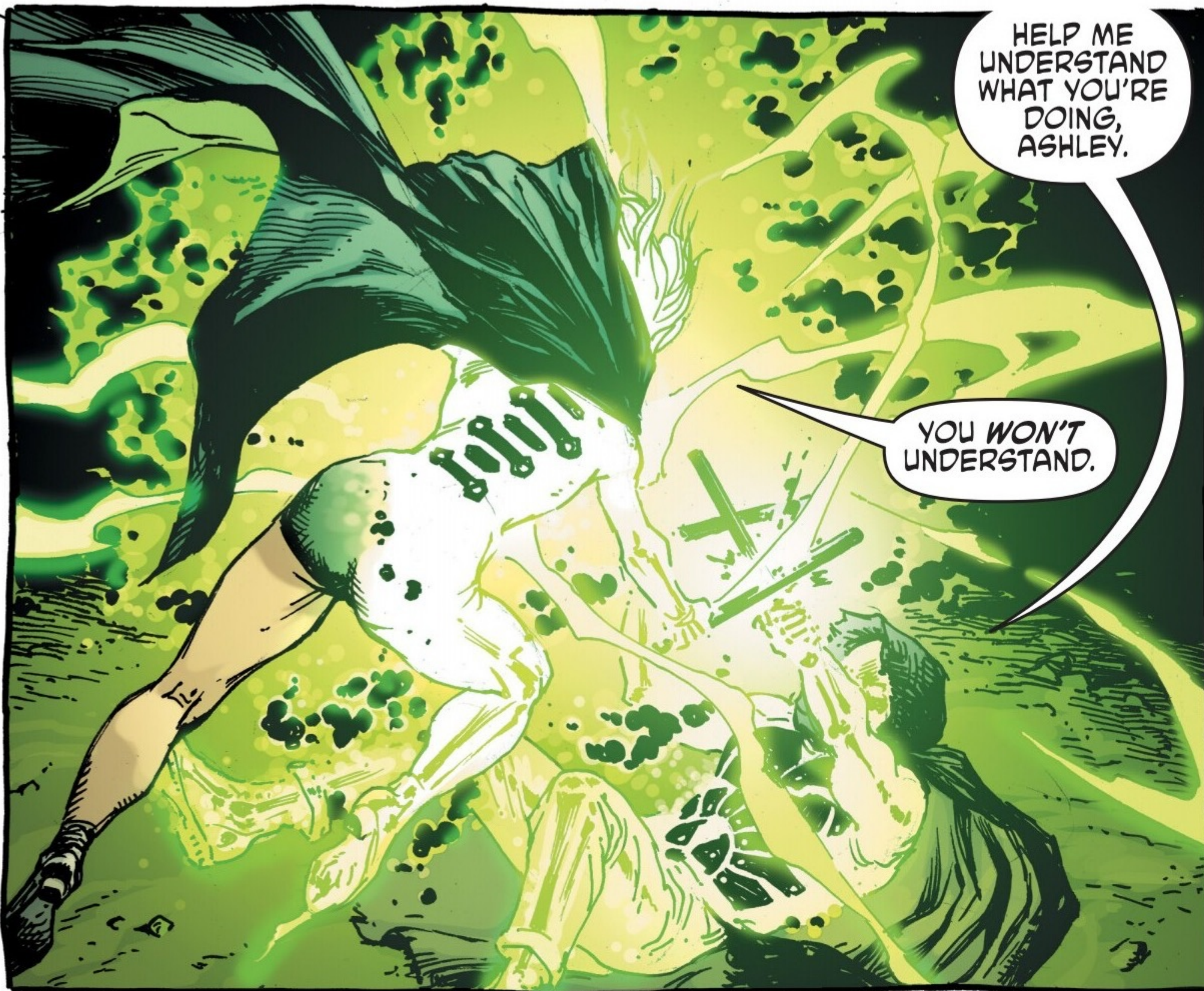
ONCE I FLIP THE SWITCH, YOU'LL FORGET ABOUT YOUR LIFE AS "JUNKYARD JOE."



"IT WILL BE
THE DAWN OF
A NEW DAY."



YOU'RE
MAKING THINGS
WORSE, TARIQ!
TARIQ--!!



HELP ME
UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING,
ASHLEY.

YOU WON'T
UNDERSTAND.



BECAUSE YOU
DON'T CARE
ABOUT THE PEOPLE
YOU HURT.



LEAVE
MY FRIENDS
ALONE!

YIIIP

BOOM

BOOM



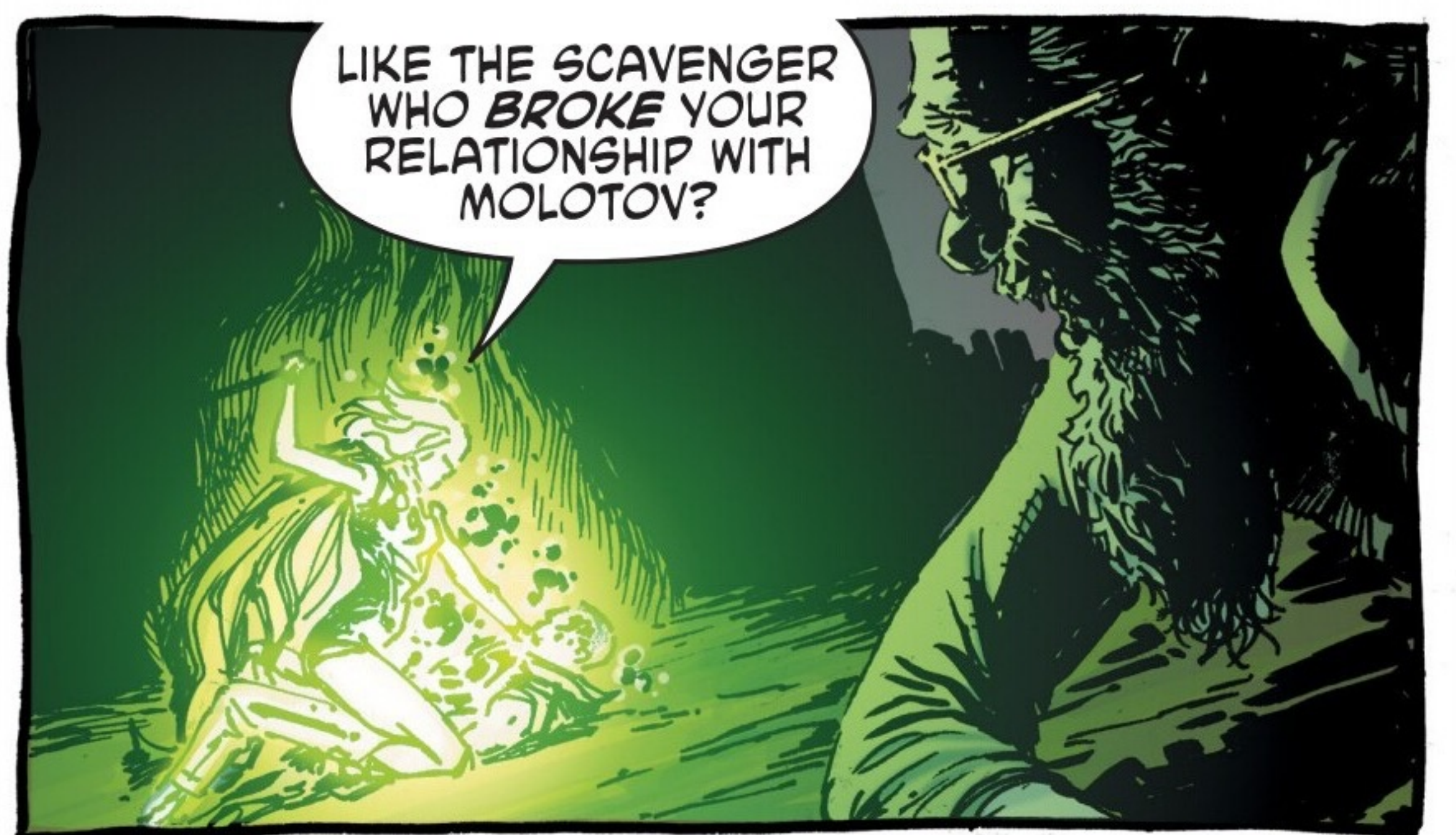
YOU'RE LIKE
THE BOMBS
THAT CREATED
YOU, TARIQ.

YOU HAVE NO
CONSCIENCE.

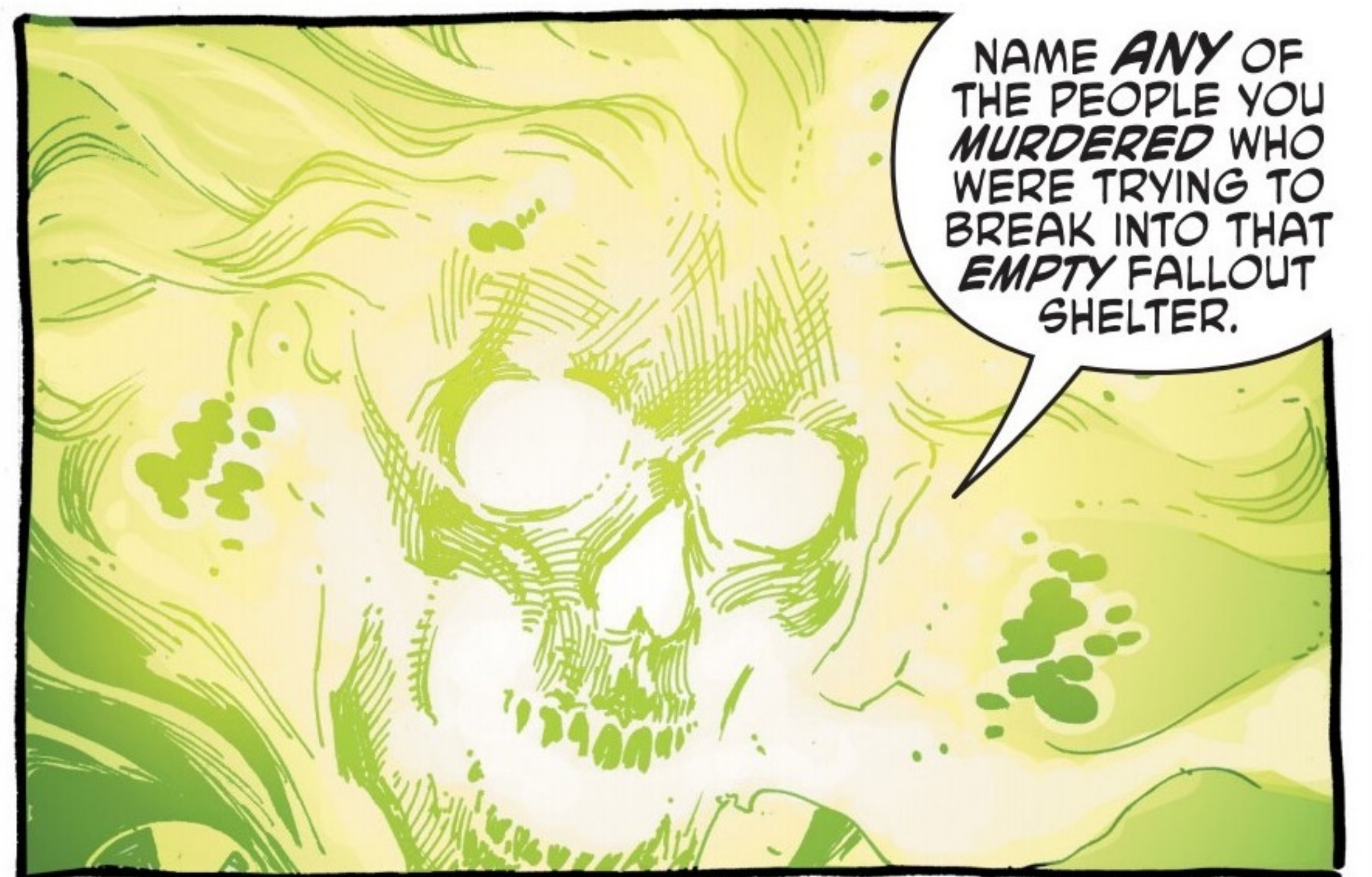
NO
GUILT.

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

THEN TELL
ME THE NAME
OF SOMEONE
YOU KILLED.



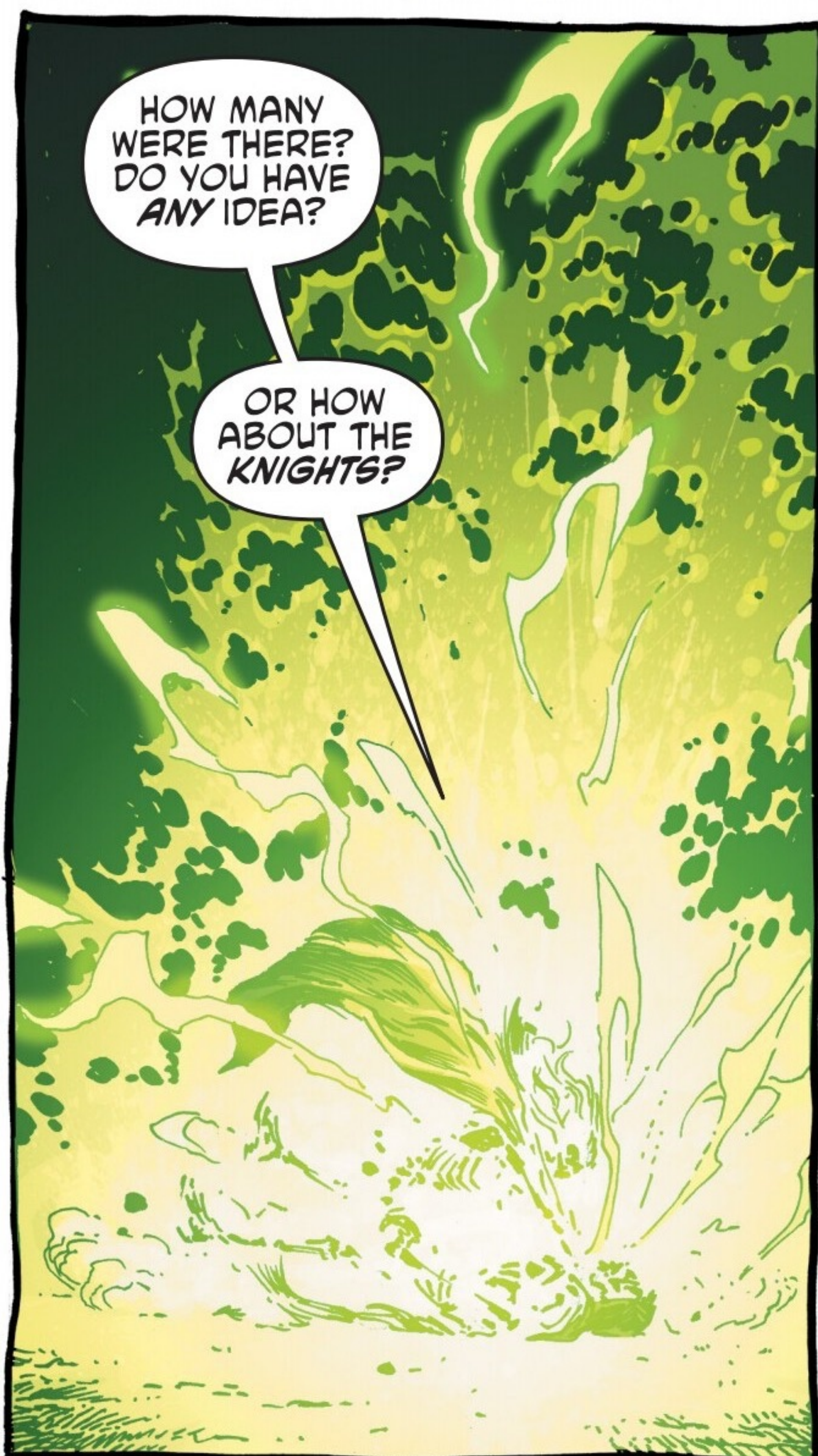
LIKE THE SCAVENGER
WHO **BROKE** YOUR
RELATIONSHIP WITH
MOLOTOV?



NAME *ANY* OF
THE PEOPLE YOU
MURDERED WHO
WERE TRYING TO
BREAK INTO THAT
EMPTY FALLOUT
SHELTER.

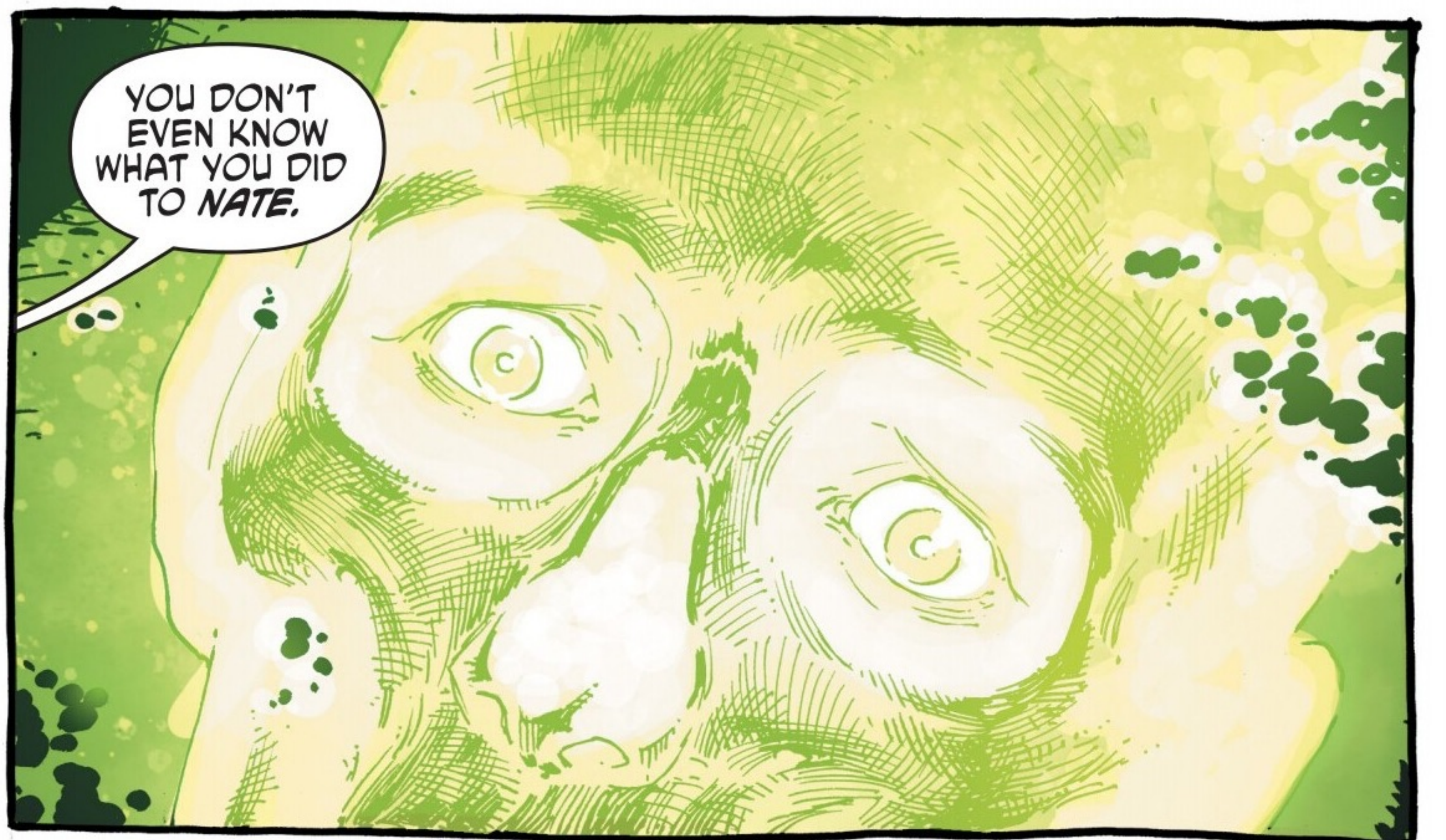


I CAN'T.



HOW MANY
WERE THERE?
DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA?

OR HOW
ABOUT THE
KNIGHTS?



YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT YOU DID
TO NATE.



YOU DON'T
REMEMBER...





"I CAN'T LET THE ARMY STOP ME."

GENERAL, THE MISSILE BAY IS THIS WAY.

I FORCED MOLOTOV TO LOCK THE LAUNCH, INVERT THE SILO, AND VENT THE CORE.

NO LIFT-OFF, JUST AN UNDERGROUND DETONATION THAT'LL CRACK THE EARTH AND FLOOD THE AIR...



...AND YOU, TARIQ, YOU'LL TAKE IN ALL OF IT.



"IT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU'LL SURVIVE."

Ah.
THERE WE ARE.



WHEN YOU ABSORB THE POISON, YOU'LL TAKE MINE WITH IT...YOU'LL END THIS.

YOU'LL FREE ME FROM THIS CURSE.



WRRR

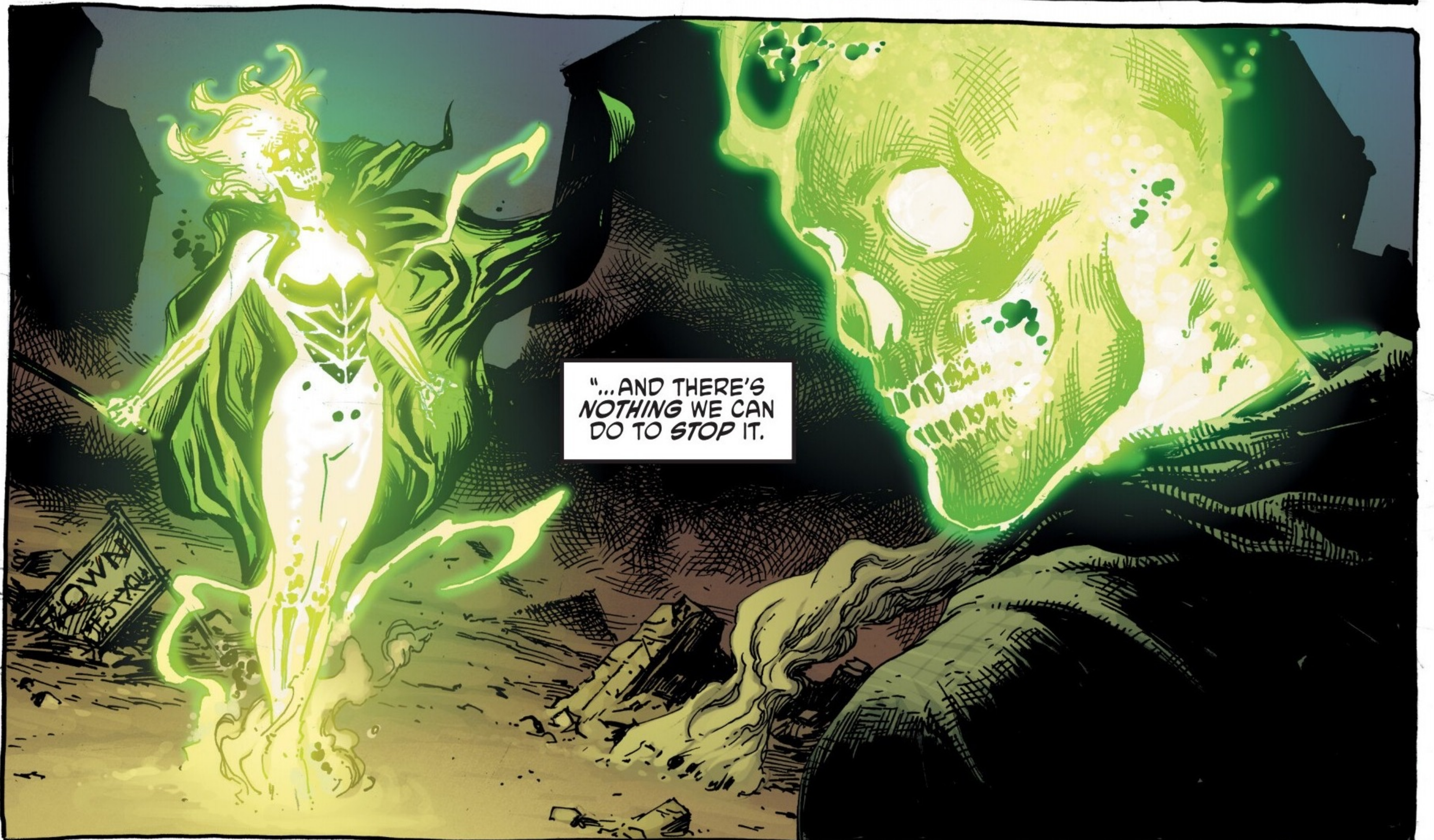
WELCOME BACK, SOLDIER.



EVERYONE ELSE WILL DIE, ASHLEY.



AND I WILL MOURN THEM ALL, LIKE I MOURN MY OWN FAMILY.







CHAPTER FIFTEEN



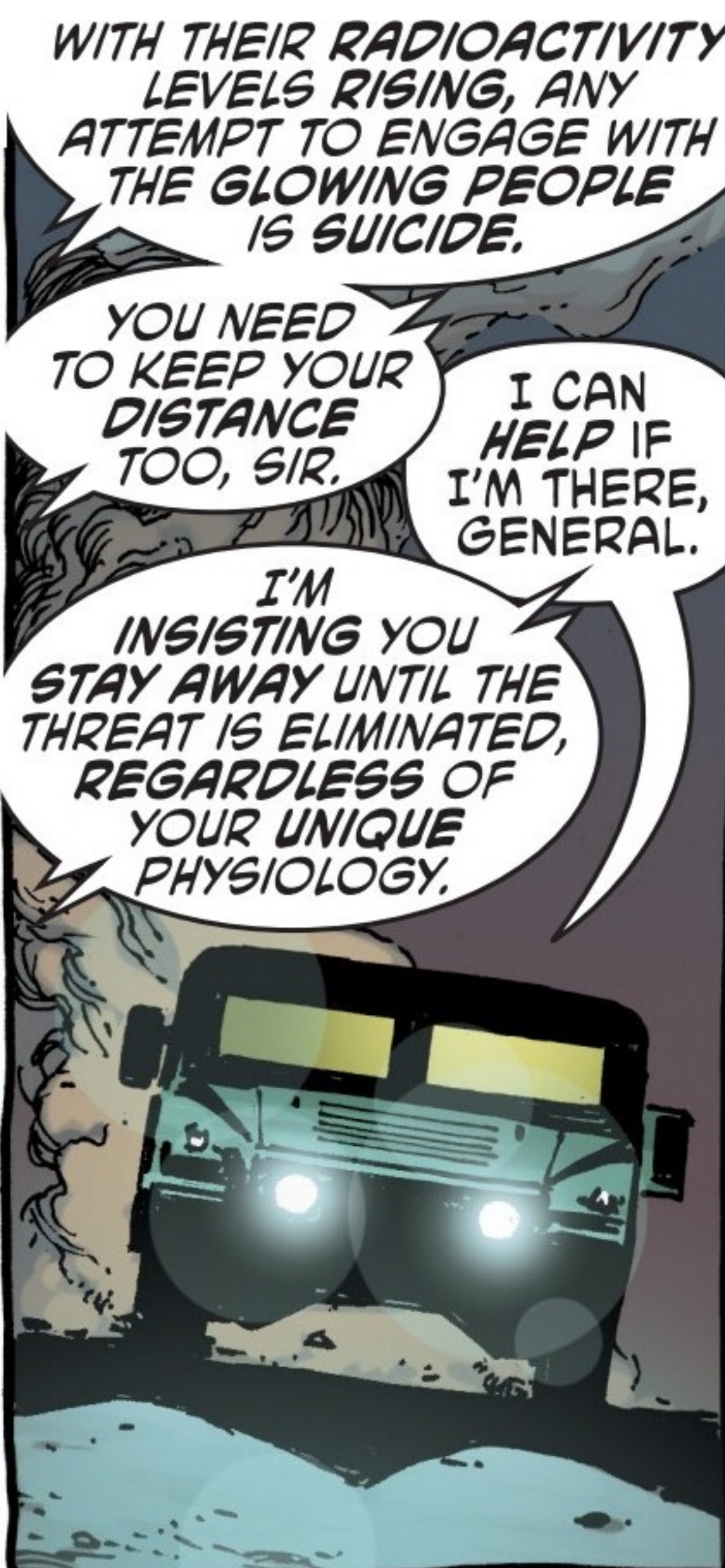
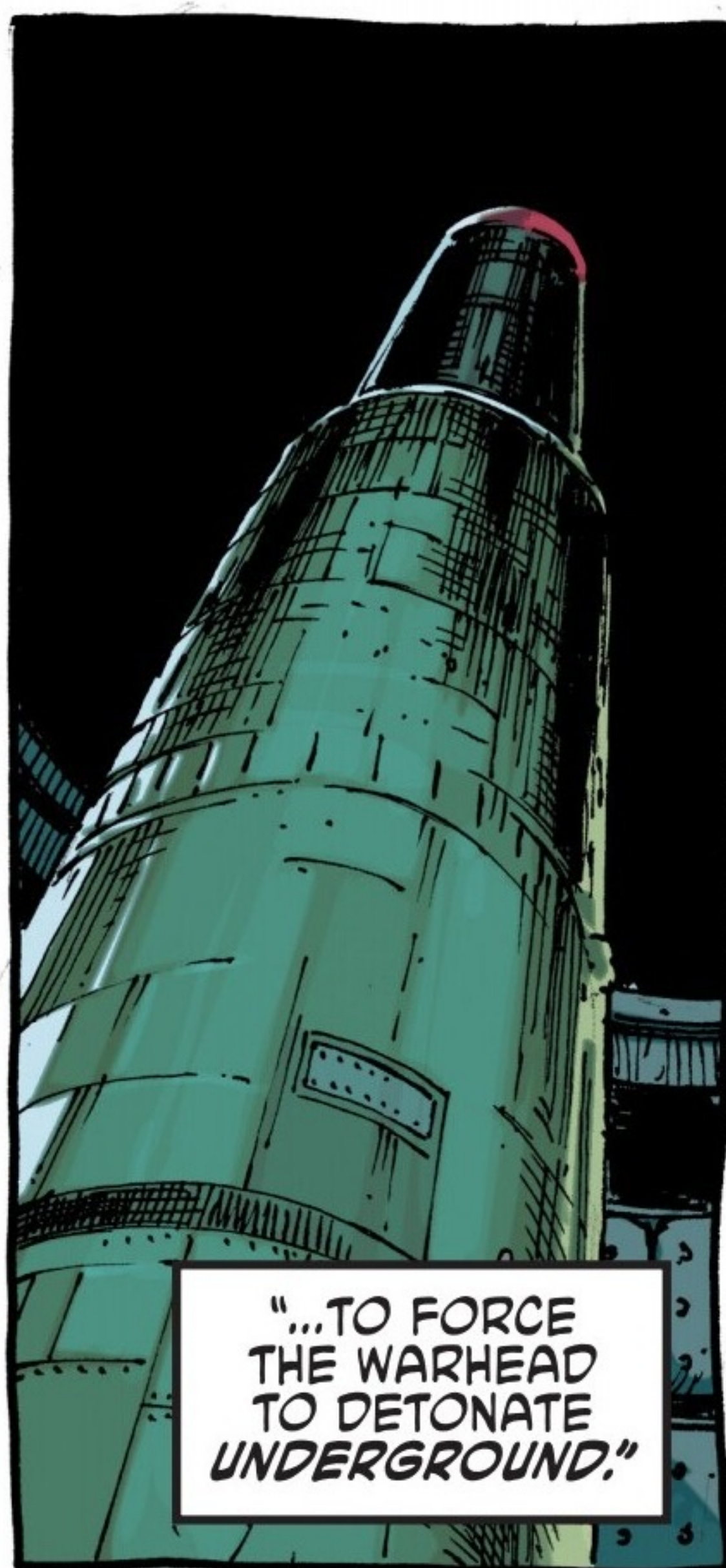
ANDERSON

WE'RE
BACK
TOPSIDE,
SIR.

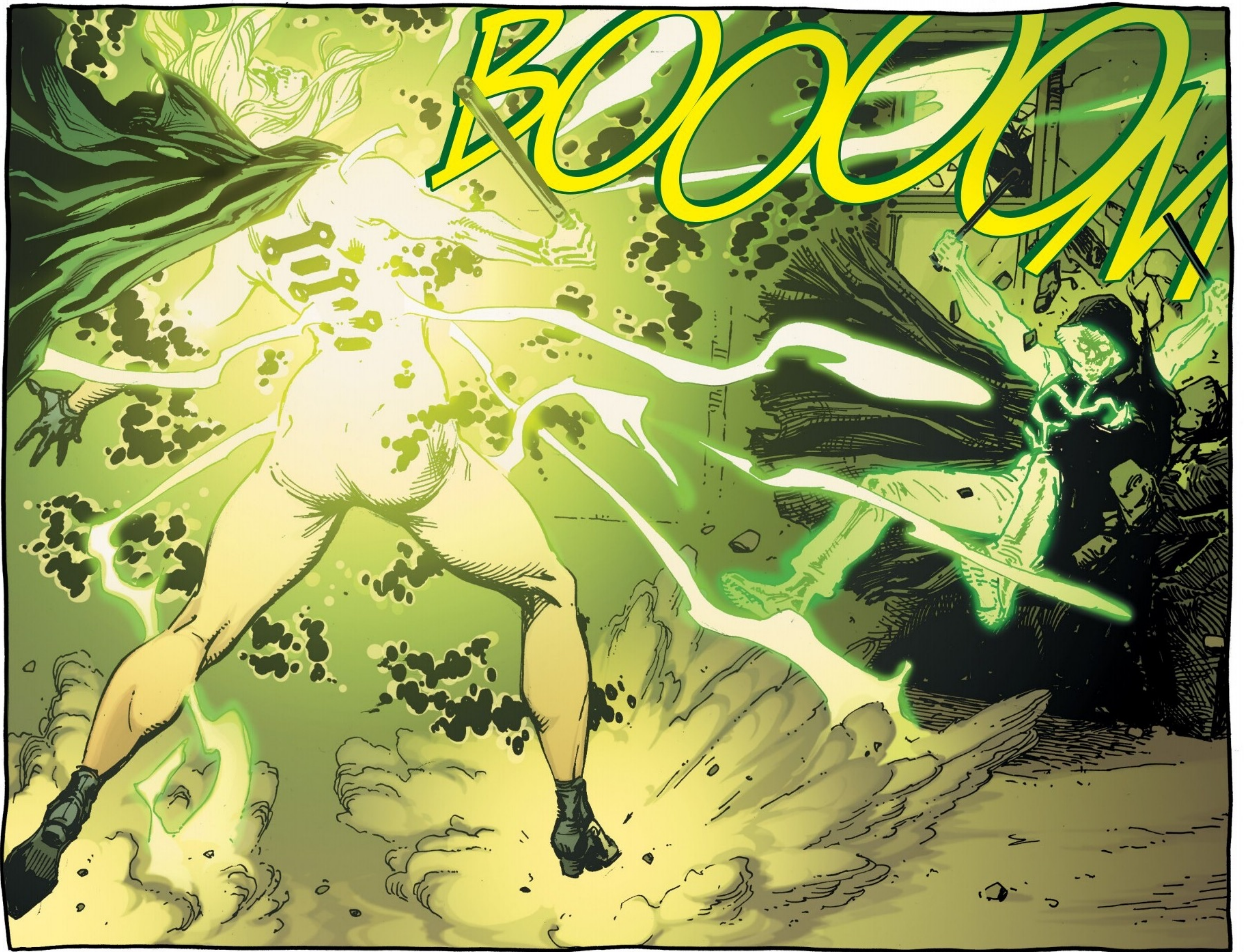
WHAT WENT
WRONG,
GENERAL?













TARIQ!
IT'S TOO
LATE!

NOTHING
CAN STOP IT
NOW!

I'M SORRY.
I NEVER MEANT
FOR THIS.



THE
OLD MAN'S
RIGHT,
TARIQ.

THE NUKE
IS GOING
OFF.



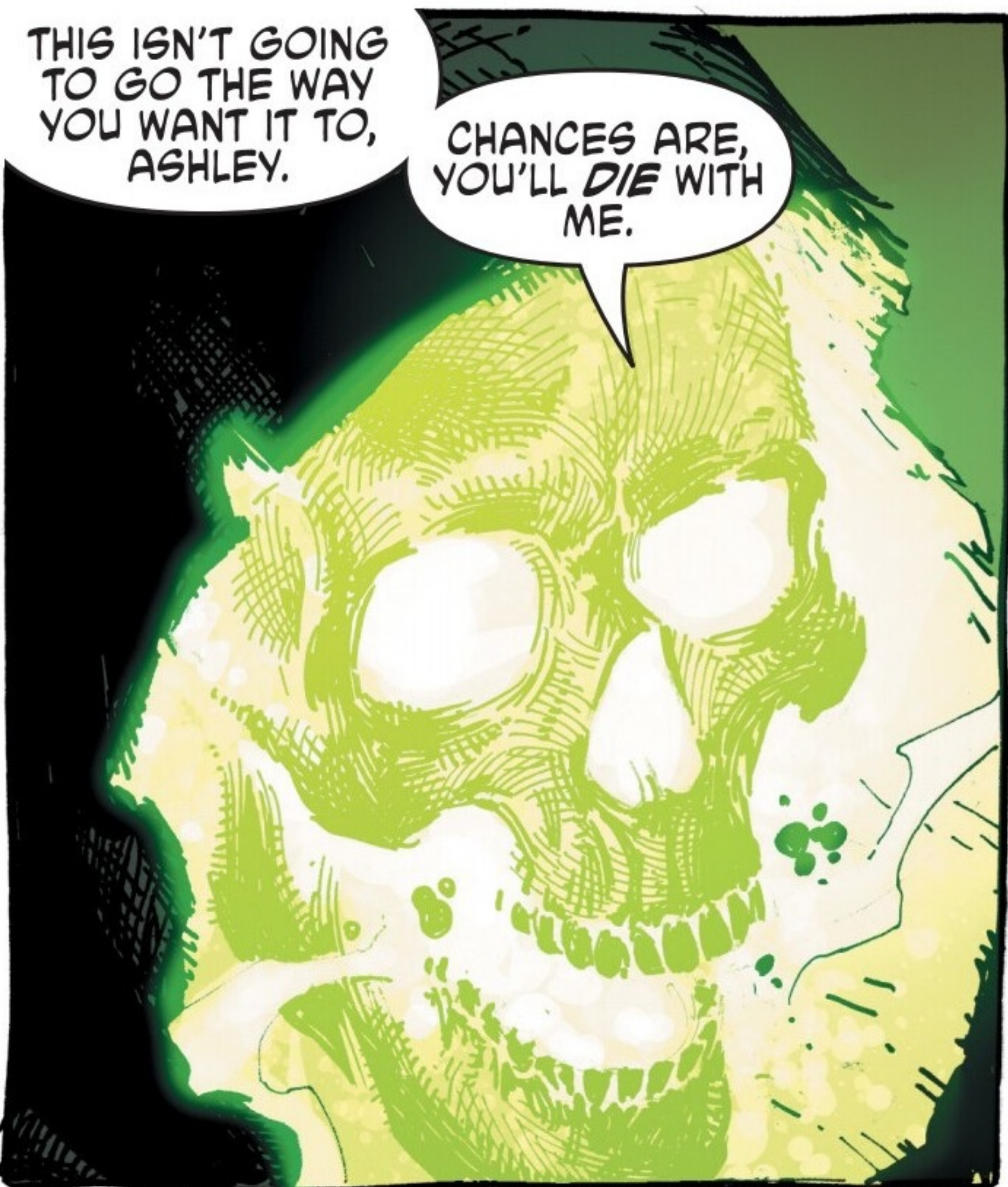
"THERE'S NO
WAY OUT."

IS IT
OVER,
DAD?



TAKE
MY HAND,
MY SON.

WHRR



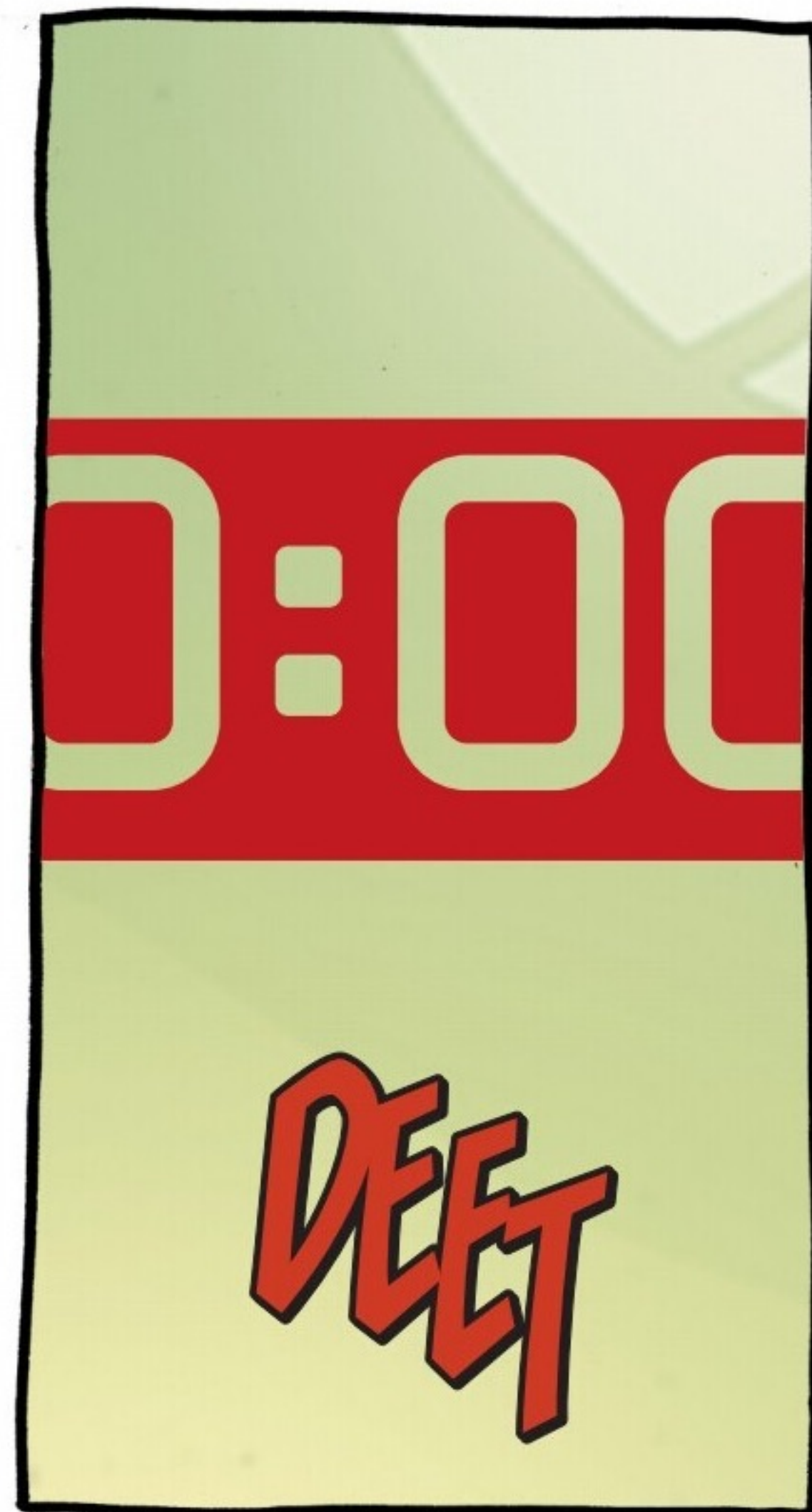
THIS ISN'T GOING
TO GO THE WAY
YOU WANT IT TO,
ASHLEY.

CHANCES ARE,
YOU'LL *DIE* WITH
ME.



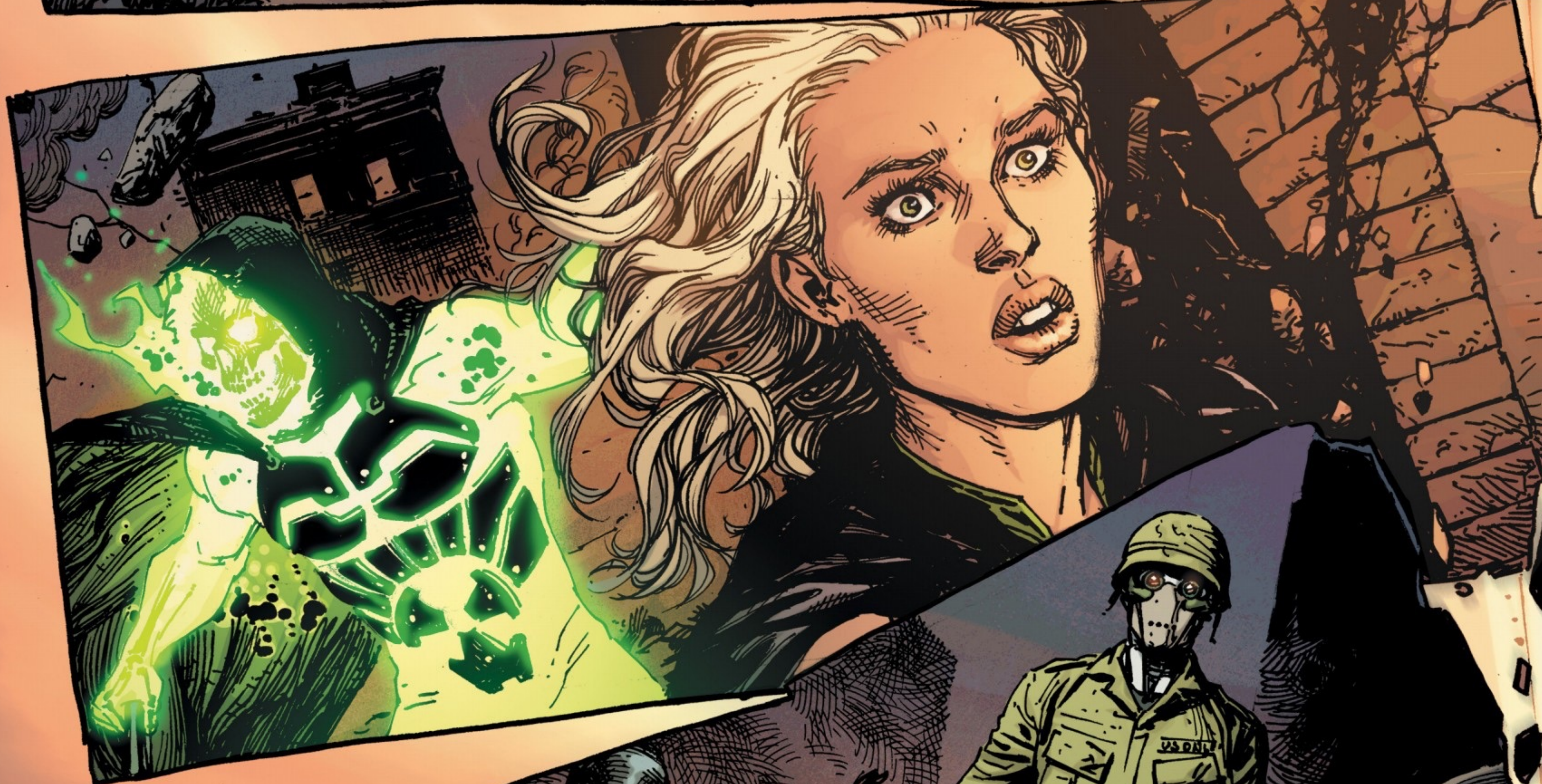
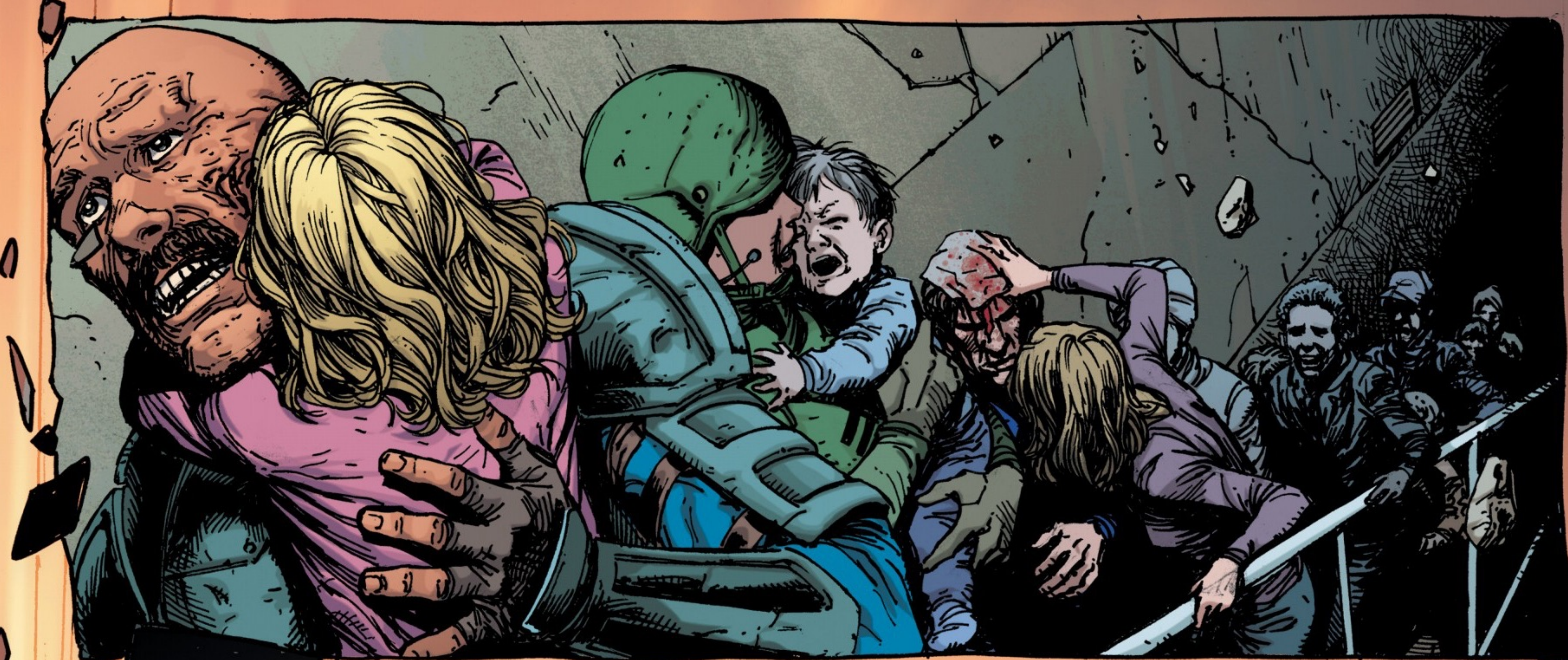
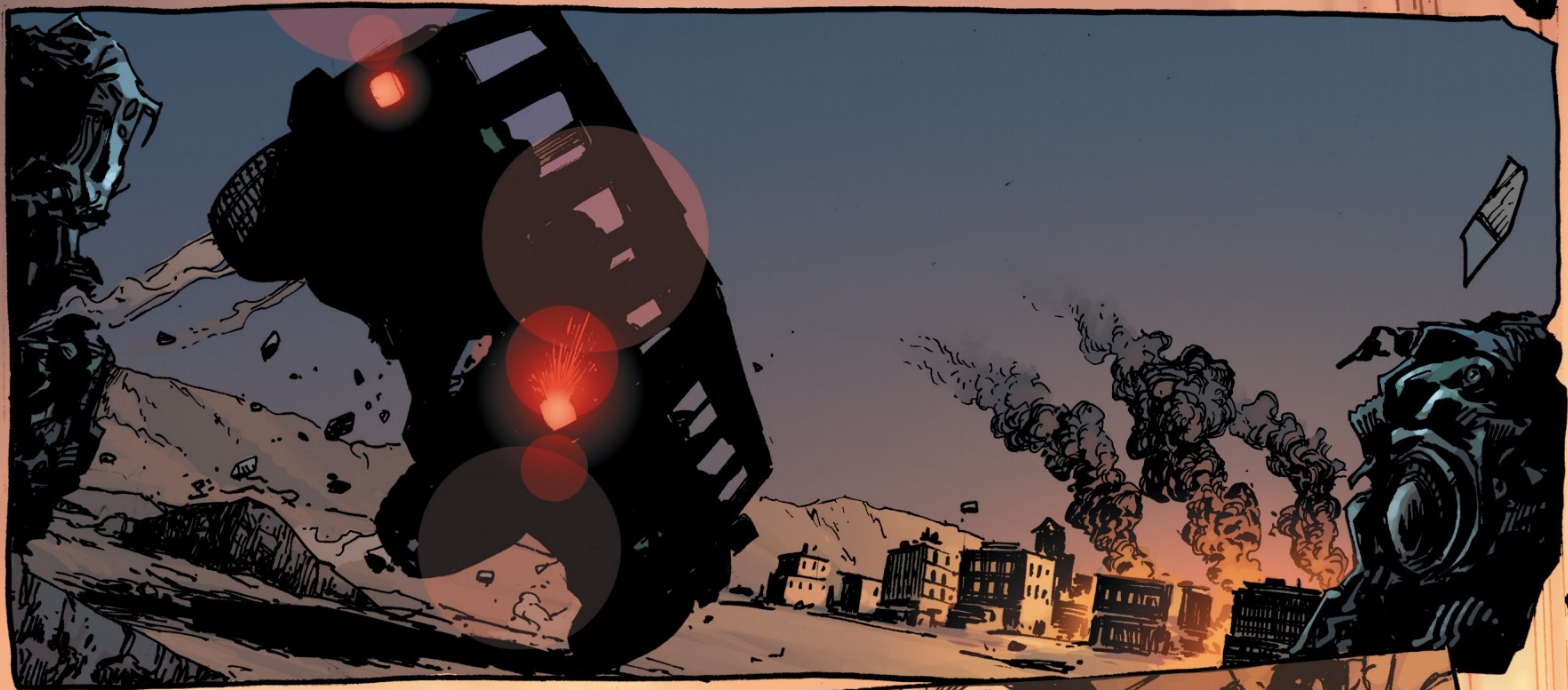
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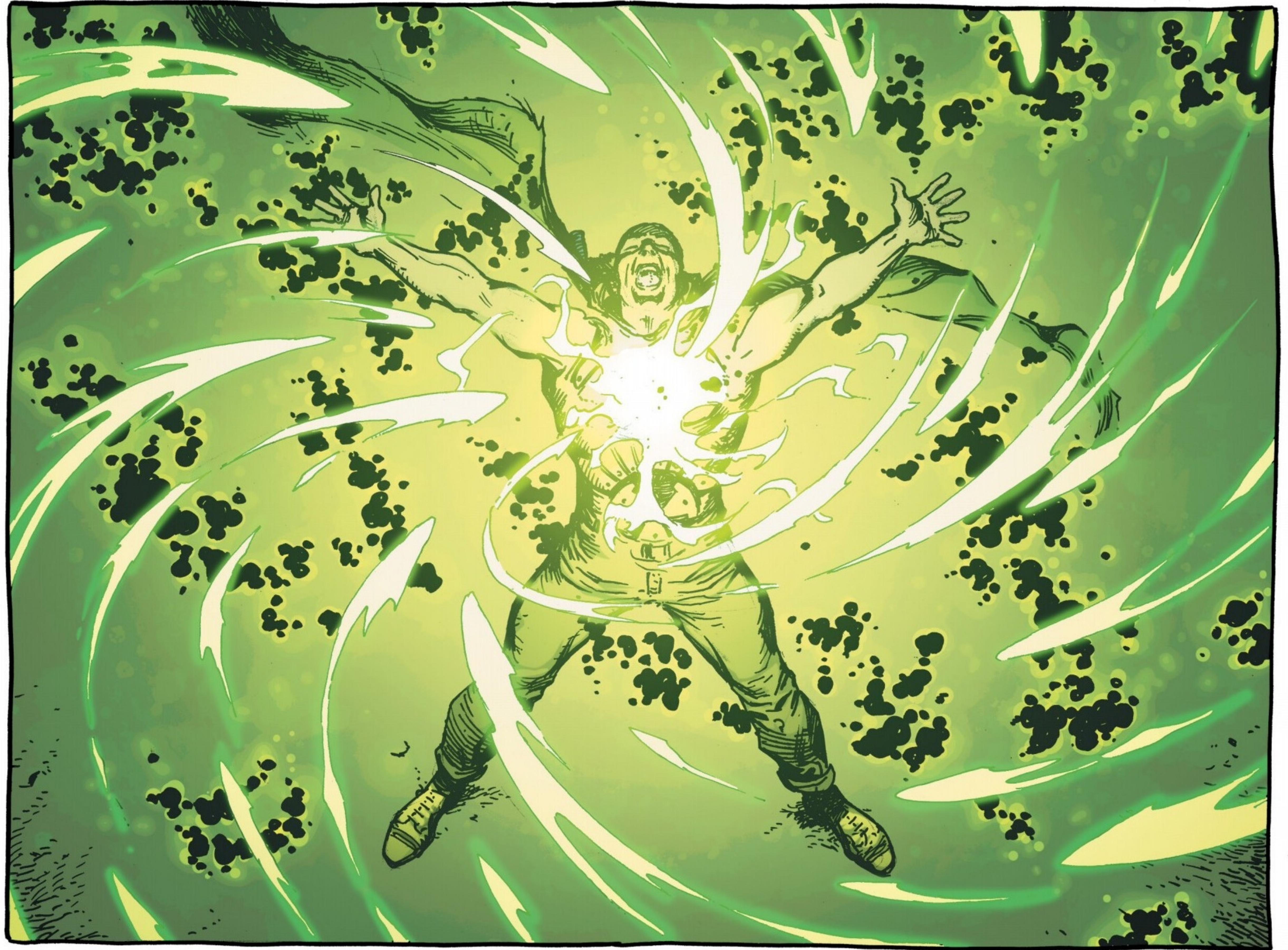
BUT
BETTER TO
BURN OUT...
THAN TO LIVE
LIKE *THIS*.



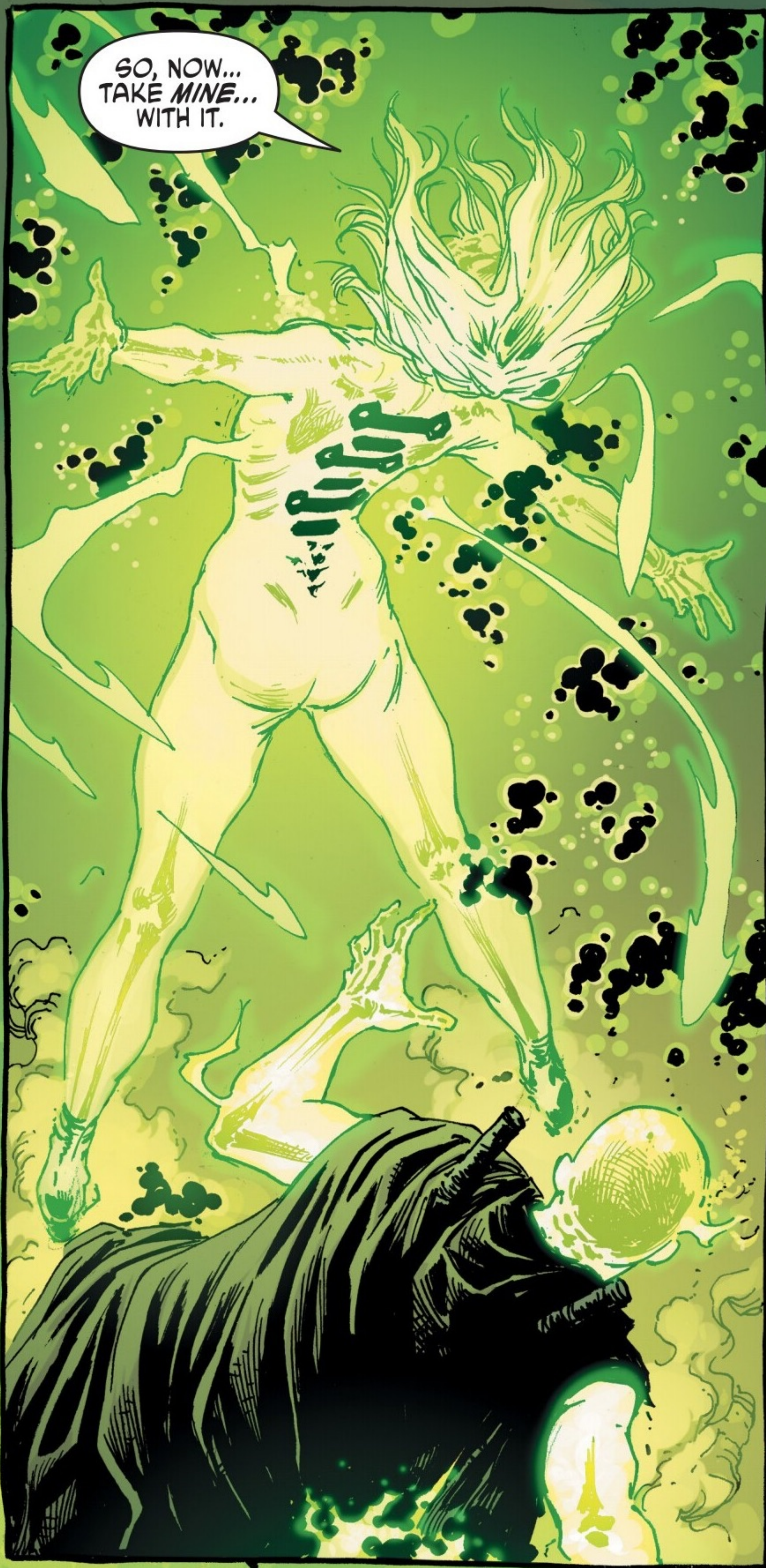
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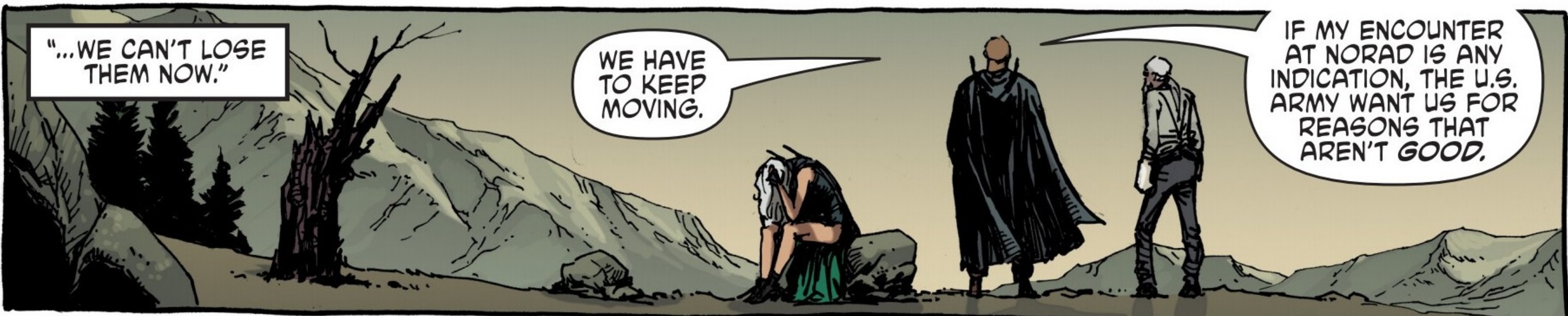
THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE *GLOWING PEOPLE*, GENERAL...

...BUT SOMEHOW, THE RADIOACTIVITY LEVELS ARE NOW *ZERO*.

THE KNIGHT *STABBED* THE CUSTODIAN THEN VANISHED WITH THE *ROBOT* AND THOSE *MUTANT ANIMALS*.

THEN PRESIDENT GRIFFIN'S THEORY IS *CORRECT*.

THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR. REGROUP...



"...WE CAN'T LOSE THEM NOW."

WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING.

IF MY ENCOUNTER AT NORAD IS ANY INDICATION, THE U.S. ARMY WANT US FOR REASONS THAT AREN'T *GOOD*.



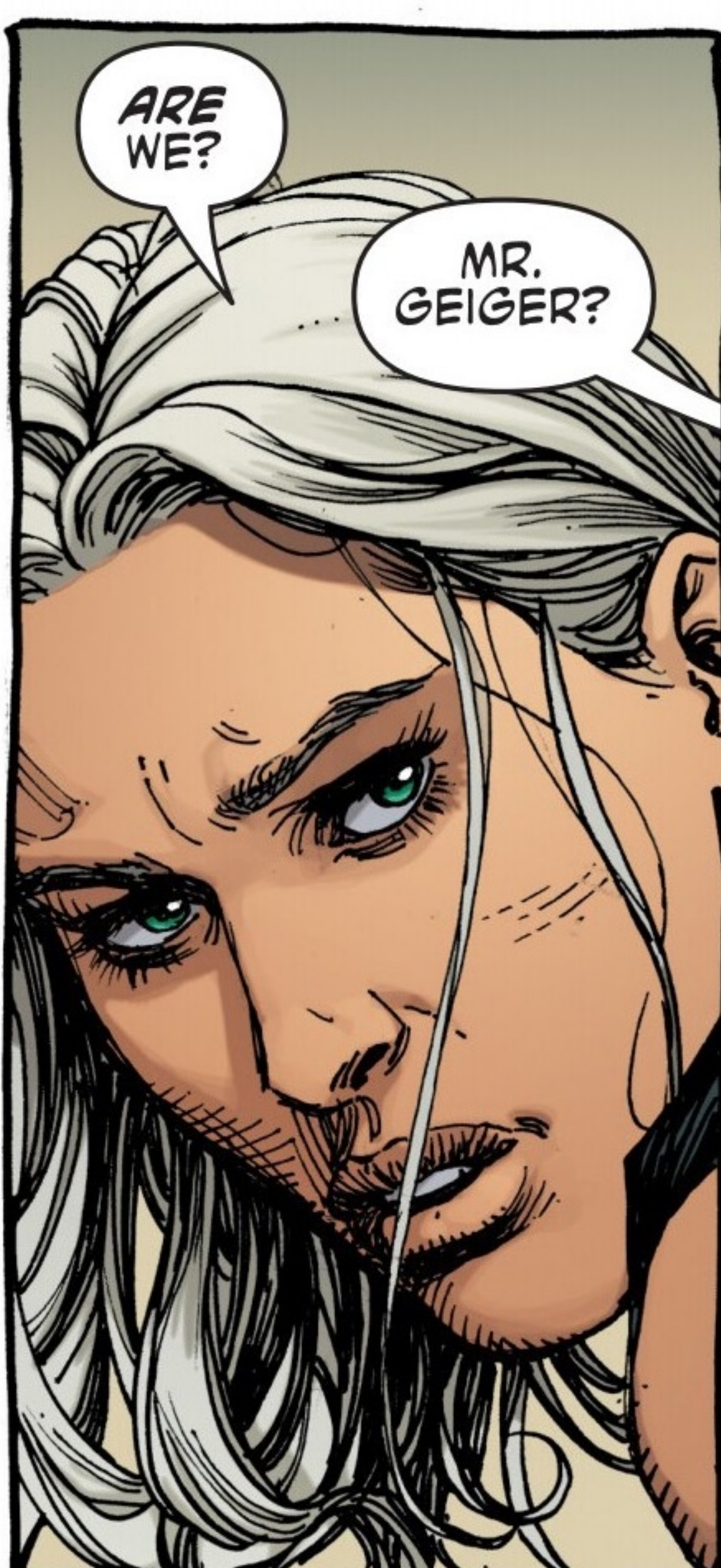
WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO ME LIKE THIS, TARIQ?

LIKE WHAT?

LIKE I DIDN'T *BETRAY* YOU.

YOU ALSO *SAVED* ME.

SO WE'RE *EVEN*.



ARE WE?

MR. GEIGER?



I THINK JOE IS *BROKEN*.

THE *MAN* IN THE *MASK* DIDN'T WANT TO LET HIM GO. EVEN AS I LEFT, HE KEPT *INSISTING* JOE WAS *HIS* PROPERTY.

BUT JOE'S *NO ONE'S* PROPERTY ANY MORE THAN *BARNEY* OR *ZIGZAG*.



MAYBE MOLOTOV CAN FIX THE ROBOT.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS.

IF YOU CAN BUILD NUCLEAR WARHEADS, YOU CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.



RIGHT, ASHLEY?



"WHERE DO YOU THINK SHE WENT, MR. GEIGER?"

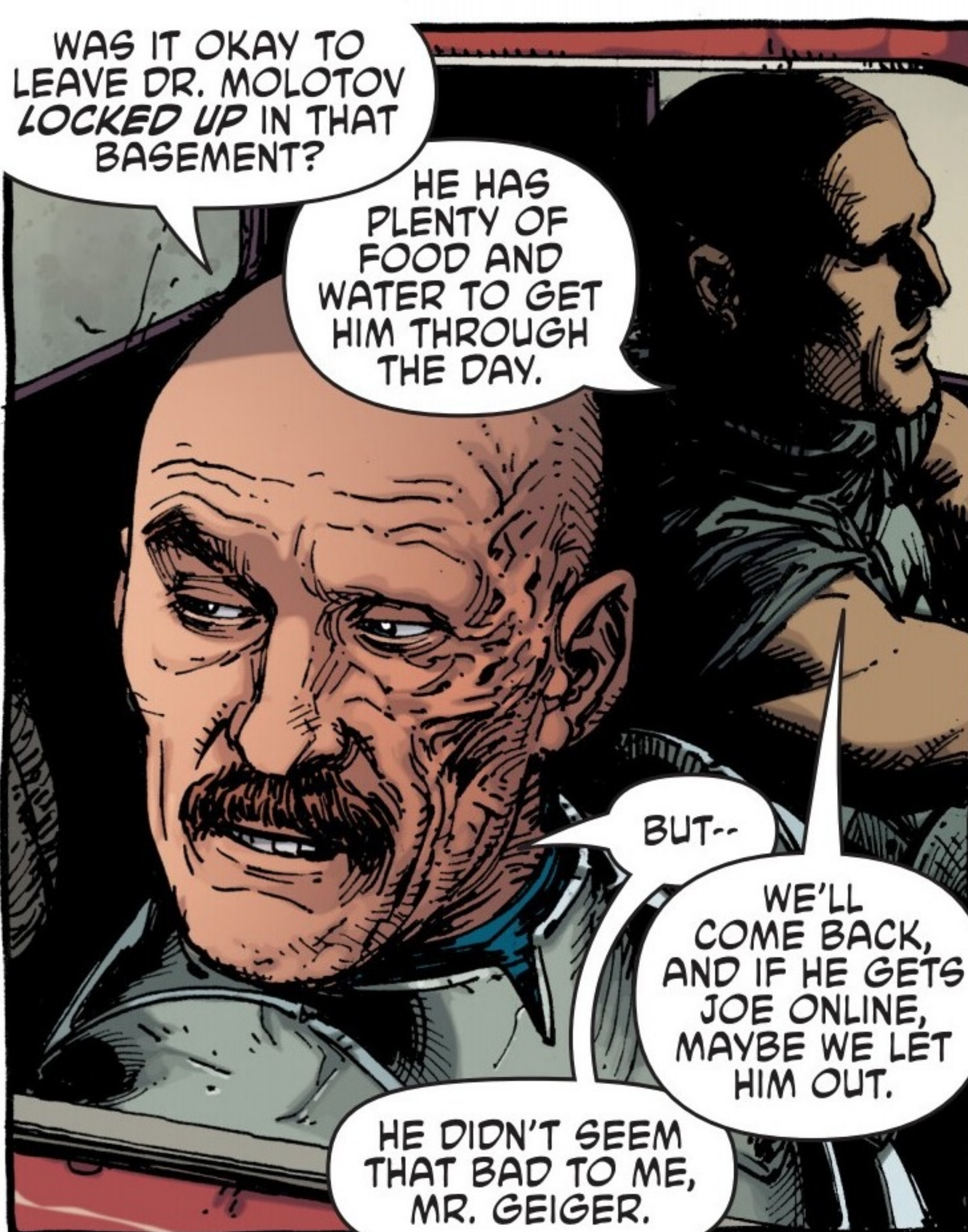


I DON'T KNOW,
NATE.

I HOPE WE
SEE HER AGAIN,
DON'T YOU?



MR.
GEIGER...?



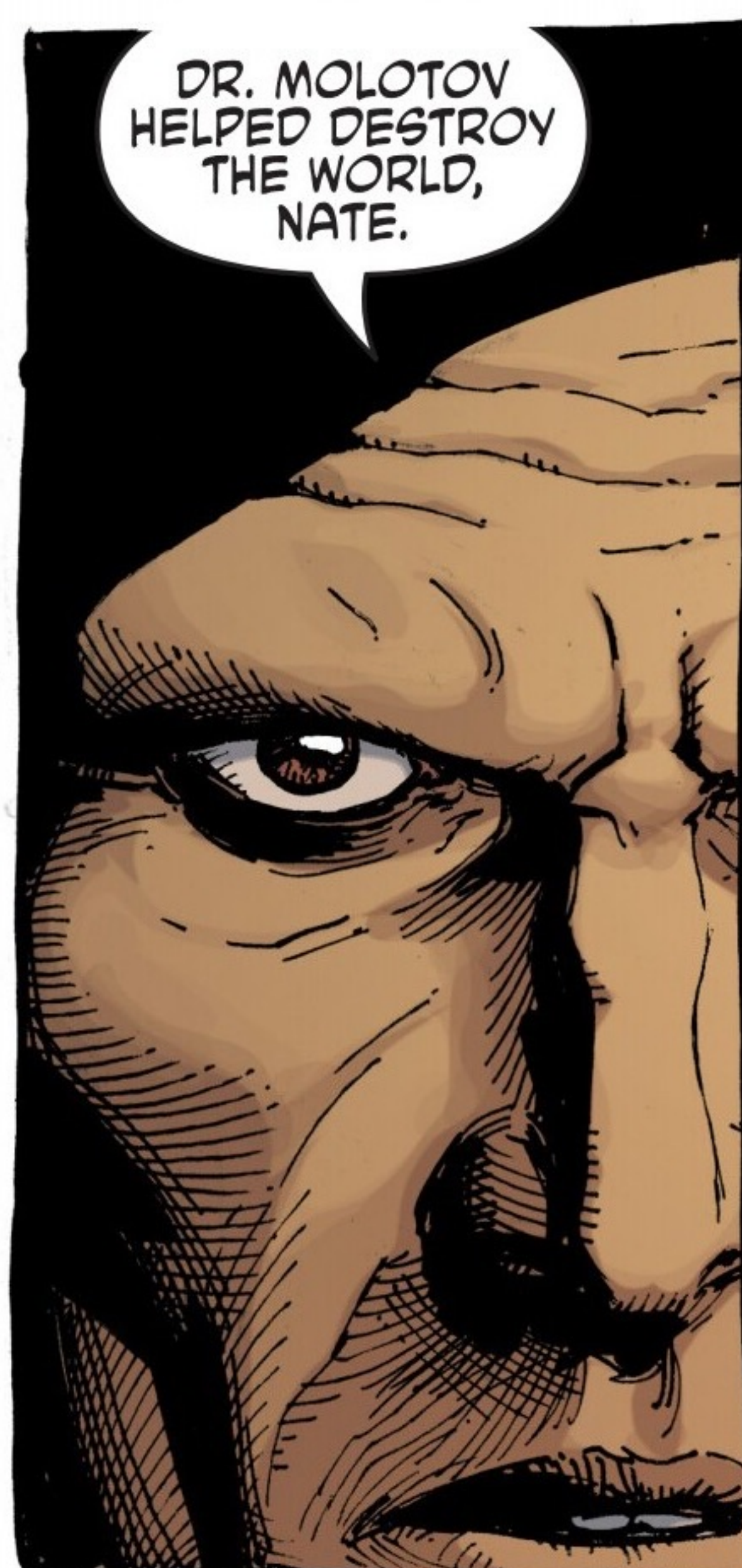
WAS IT OKAY TO
LEAVE DR. MOLOTOV
LOCKED UP IN THAT
BASEMENT?

HE HAS
PLENTY OF
FOOD AND
WATER TO GET
HIM THROUGH
THE DAY.

BUT--

WE'LL
COME BACK,
AND IF HE GETS
JOE ONLINE,
MAYBE WE LET
HIM OUT.

HE DIDN'T SEEM
THAT BAD TO ME,
MR. GEIGER.



DR. MOLOTOV
HELPED DESTROY
THE WORLD,
NATE.



DR. MOLOTOV ALSO
HELPED *SAVE* YOUR
LIFE.



MAYBE...



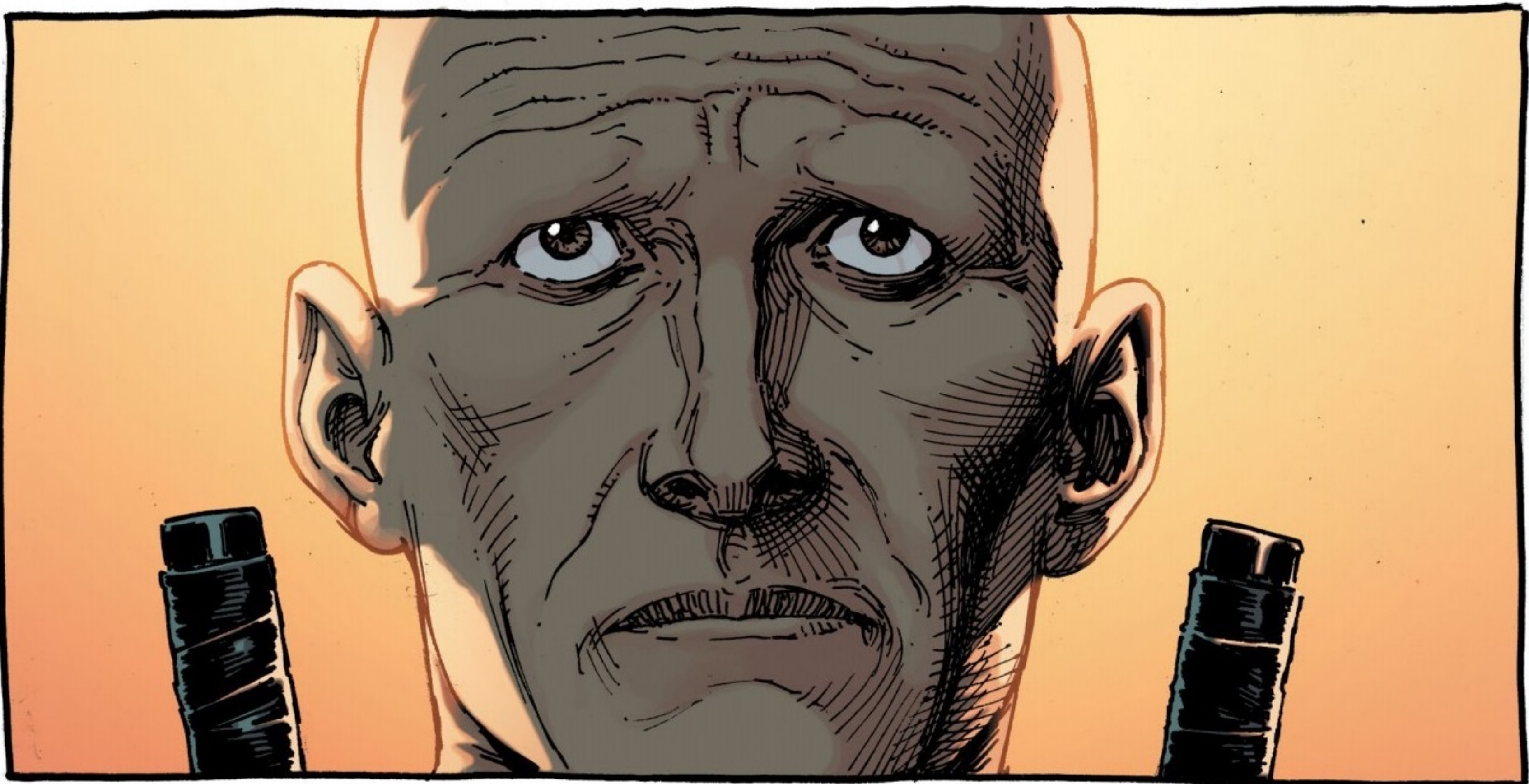
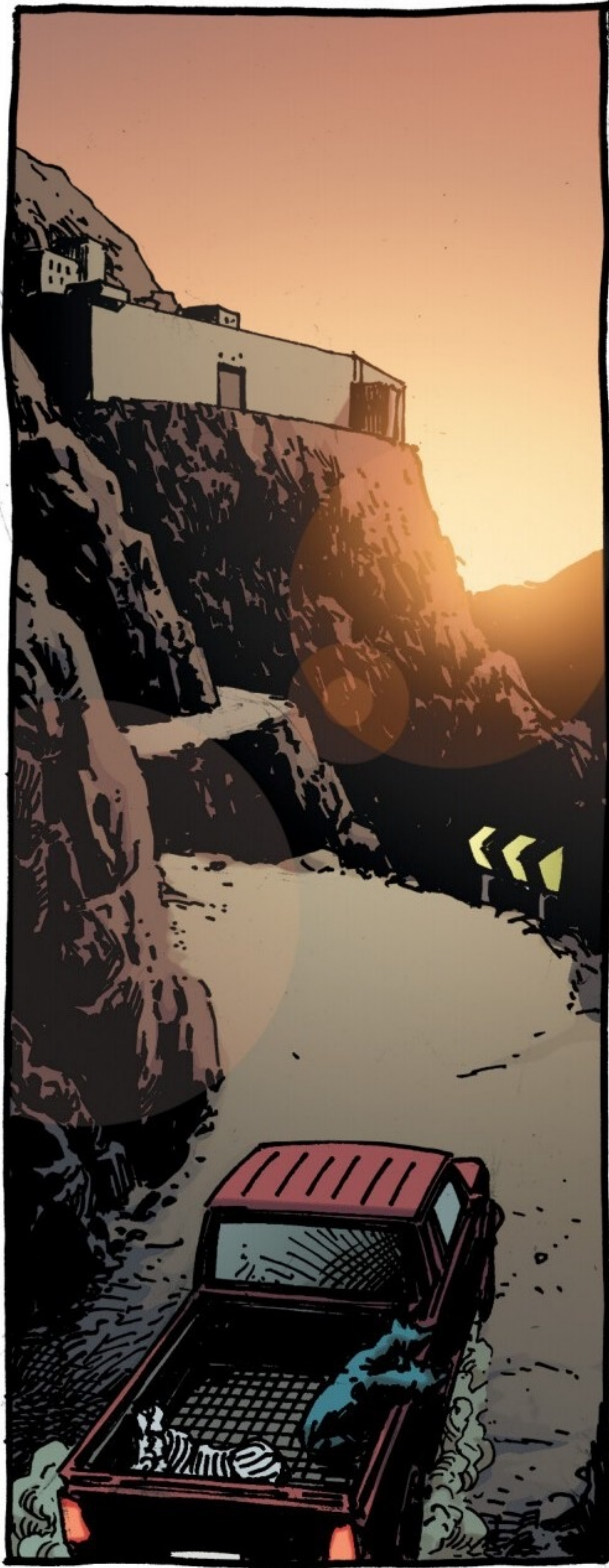
WHERE ARE
WE HEADED,
ANYWAY?



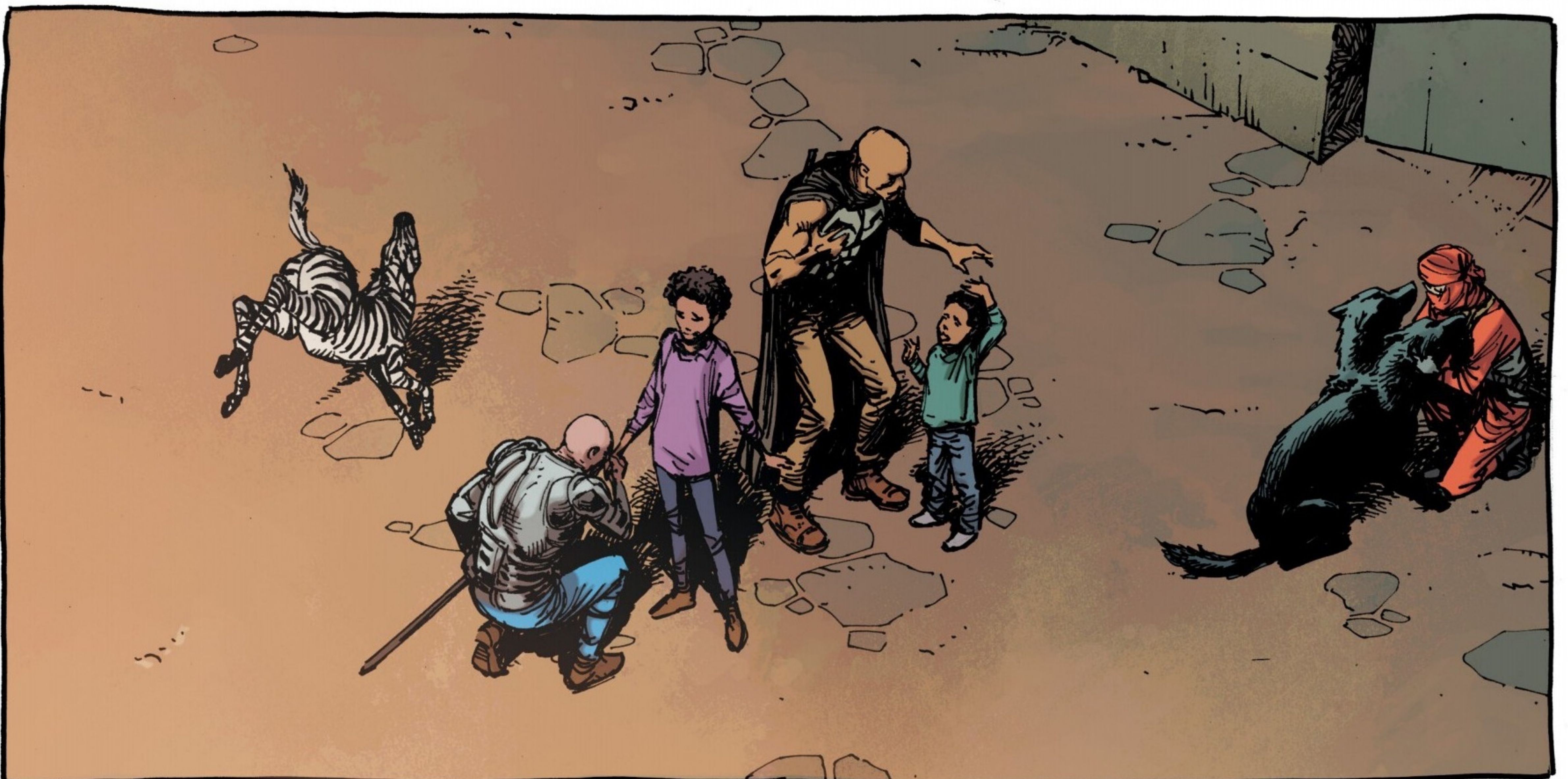
ASHLEY ASKED IF THERE WAS
EVER A TIME I HELD THE LIGHT
WITHOUT THE RODS.

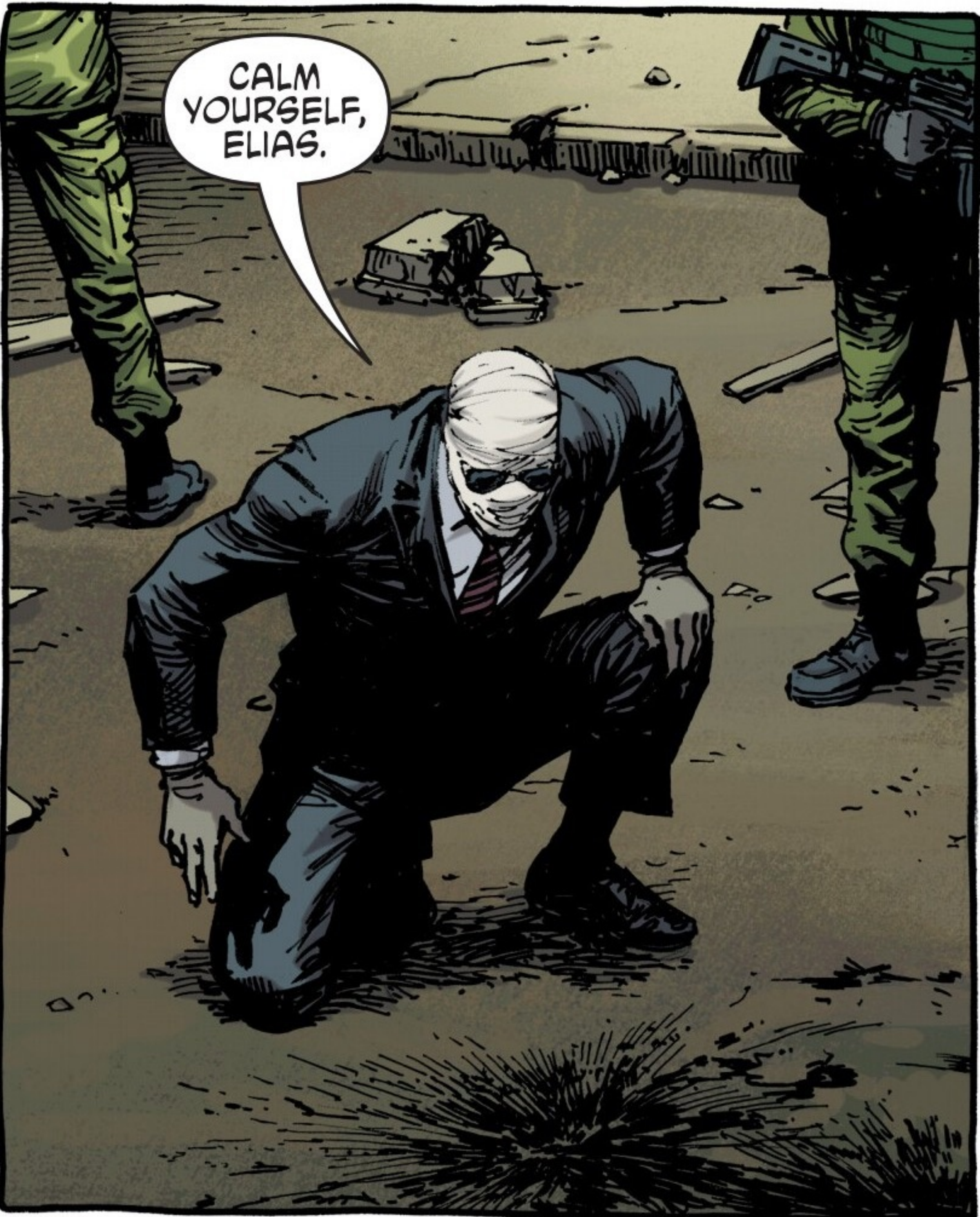
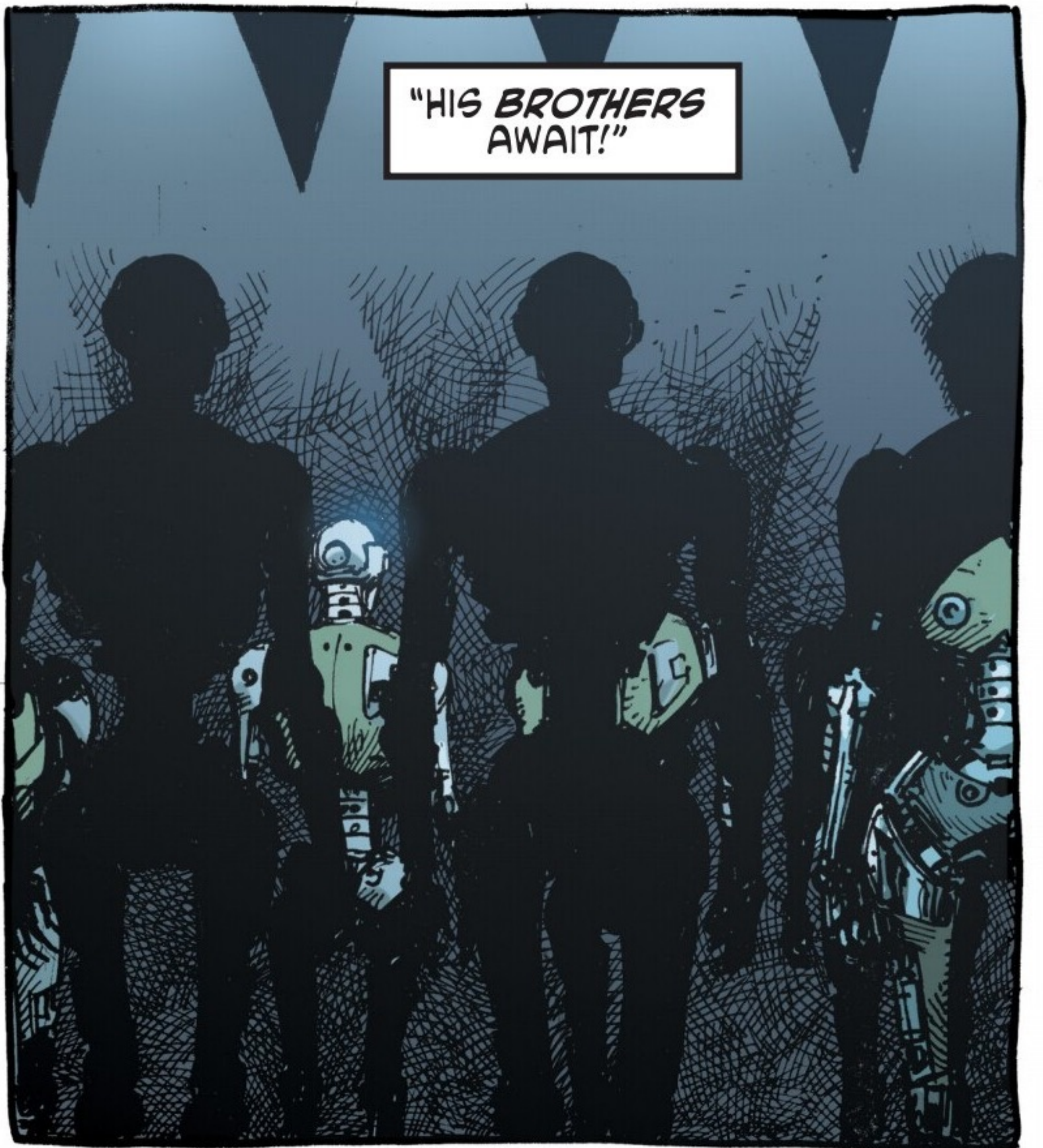
SHE MEANT,
WAS THERE
EVER A TIME
I FELT *WHOLE*
AGAIN.

AND
THERE WAS.
A MOMENT WHEN
I DIDN'T JUST
HOLD THE LIGHT...
I *WAS* IT.













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BEGINS HIS
HUNT

JUNKYARD JOE
COMES
ONLINE

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GHOST**
IS CAPTURED
ON FILM

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AMERICA

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1864

1944

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PRESENT
DAY

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BECOMES
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**THE
MONSTER**
IS MADE

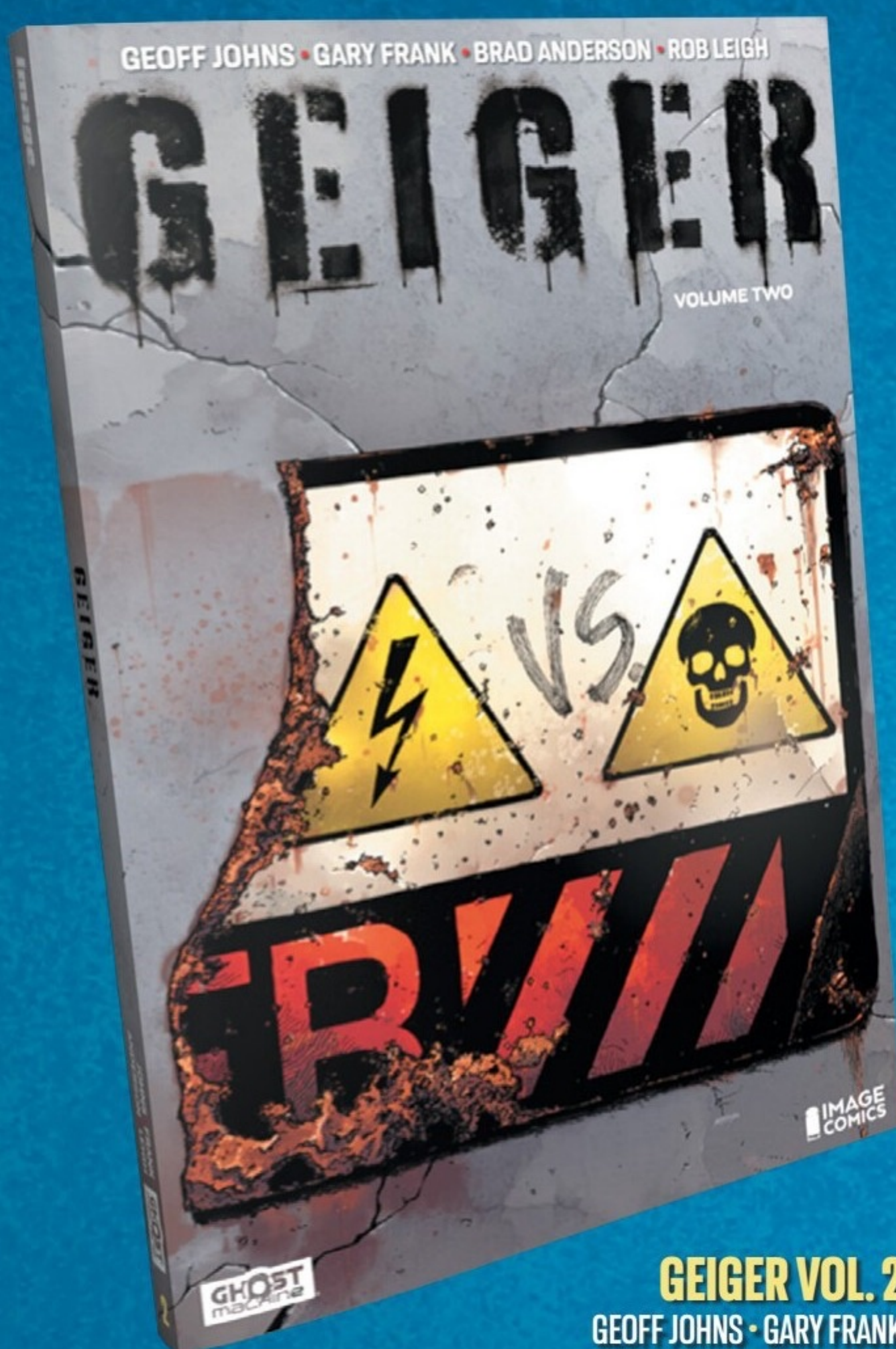
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HAS HER
REVENGE

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